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REUNION CLASS I received a welcome note from **Jeanne "Pic" Picard Johnson** a while ago. It was sent before the COVID-19 pandemic, of course, and she said that her daughter, Laura, is her big helper for all the things she needs. Pic also wrote a bit about the political scene and mentioned that she was still in Vermont when Pat Leahy and Bernie Sanders got started on their careers. She closed by writing that she always looks forward to hearing about classmates! • **Barbara Busing Harris** sent a post-Christmas newsletter describing some holiday family get-togethers, which culminated in their big Christmas celebration at daughter Martha '72 and husband Don's vacation home, Tryst, just south of Plymouth, N.H., with a 180-degree view of the White Mountains. With the aid of large-print Kindle books, Barbara enjoyed reading *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan, *The Woman Behind the New Deal* by Kirsten Downey, and *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. She was awaiting the arrival of her daughter, Anne Onion '69, who was going to help her with taxes and bills! Anne had a wonderful 50th Reunion at Middlebury last June. • When **Barbara "Flinkie" Flink Ewels** emailed, she was waiting for daughter Carolyn to arrive bringing groceries. Carolyn drove all the way from her home in Potomac, Md., without stopping at the usual motel in Tarrytown, N.Y. Flinkie said we wouldn't believe how well they are cared for at RiverMead. Due to the coronavirus rules, five-course dinners in big brown bags are delivered to the apartments of residents! She thinks the management is wanting them to feel good. • I tried to reach a few other classmates by phone or email but none responded, with the exception of **Leila "Lee" Taylor Baggett**'s son who answered her phone. I was unprepared for his strong Southern accent because I've always thought of Lee as a Vermonter from Bellows Falls! (She has lived in Florida for many years.) Her son said that Lee was not too well and assured me that he would relay our greetings to his mother.

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Shortly after sending in my last set of '47 notes, I received a letter from **Barbara "Bobbie" Bates Lauterwasser**, informing me of the death of her husband, Herb. He died of kidney failure on December 4. They had been married for 72 years—quite a miracle, I would say! Fortunately son Bruce '73 and daughter Jill live in Massachusetts and were near enough to be a tremendous help to her. Their sons Richie and Ralph '71 of Florida and Colorado, respectively, planned to come in July and they all would be together at the lake. Bobbie finds her Taylor Community a great place to live, with many friends and many services. She has lived there for 20 years. • **Beverly Beach Grant** has given up many of her activities but still manages to be very involved. She is amazed that she feels so good at her age. One of the activities she gave up is helping out at the library. She misses the task very much, but still keeps up with her reading and is an active member of a book group, which is an offshoot of her PEO. Beverly enjoys all kinds of literature, with the exception of murder mysteries. She especially likes books with a historical background. She also plays a lot of bridge. She still drives, although she had an accident and had to take a driving test to re-prove her driving skills. She passed with flying colors and so is able to maintain her license, however she only drives short distances. Beverly is very interested in the political picture and keeps up with what is going on in the world. Her son and daughter call every night to check on her. • Although **Virginia "Jinny" Stowell James** was a lifetime Connecticut resident, she made major changes after her husband Bill died in 2014. They were married 64 years and lived for most of that time outside New Haven. After his passing, not wishing to be alone, with her only child far away, she sold her Connecticut home and moved to Florida to be near her daughter Hillery and son-in-law Chris. They live together in Port Orange, not far from Daytona Beach, where they share a large home with a quiet lake view. The area offers many conveniences: beaches, museums, lighthouse, and other attractions, as well as hospitals, shops, doctors, and professional services. At home, their dog, Mr. Tibbs, is part of the family and spends much of the day with her. Chris and Hillery have friends, family, and former coworkers nearby from their 30 years as Florida residents, and Jinny has come to know some of them. They all enjoy Florida's winter temperatures and sunshine, however they prefer to be in Maine each summer. Chris and Hillery are retired now and each summer they travel to New Harbor, Maine, to enjoy that community, which her family has known for over 100 years. It is on the Pemaquid Peninsula, mid-coast from Damariscotta, just north of Boothbay. The area has art galleries, a fine white sand beach, and an outstanding lighthouse with a very interesting fishermen's museum. That is the lighthouse that is pictured on Maine's commemorative quarter. In New Harbor, they have an antique cottage on the water, and a sturdy new house where they can live or visit comfortably in any season. They have many ties to New Harbor, and Jinny enjoys seeing friends there every summer. She no longer drives, and she wears two hearing aids, but in general, her health is good. She grew up with four siblings, but only her younger sister is left, still in Connecticut. Her sister was able to visit her in Maine last summer, as did two of her sons and some former Connecticut neighbors. Her life is comfortable but she especially misses seeing or hearing from Middlebury classmates and friends. • I received the following news from Cindy Martin informing me of her mother's death, and asking that the following obituary be included here: "**Barbara Verdicchio Britten** passed away peacefully on February 28, having just reached her 94th birthday on February 10. At the time of her death, she resided at Medford Leas, a continuing care community in Medford, N.J. An arts and music major at Middlebury, she continued this interest throughout her life, serving on the boards of various arts organizations, advocating effectively for the arts, singing in the church choir, playing piano daily, and attending concerts often. She and her husband, Wil, who predeceased her, enjoyed attending Middlebury's Alumni College for many years." • A note from Sara Marshall informed me that two more of our classmates have departed this earth. They are **Jeannette Cunningham Kidd**, who passed away on January 13 of this year, and **Muriel Mack Lamppert** on January 23. Both had been unwell for some time, and it was hard to communicate with them as both were very deaf. We could only communicate on the phone with great difficulties. • The fact that I, too, am deaf does not help me when I am seeking information. This year, I decided to join the modern age and use email to connect with classmates. Of all those sent out, I received two answers. One I particularly liked. It was from **Virginia "Ginny" Lee Costello**, and I repeat it in its entirety: "Great idea to connect with people by email. I have no news, which is probably a good thing." I suspect she speaks for many of us.

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I hope you are all well and safe. I would love to hear how you are doing!

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Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: Some time ago I had the pleasure of corresponding with Bill Seixas, the son of our classmate, the late **Bob Seixas**. Bill's daughter, Miranda, recently graduated from Middlebury. He asked me to tell him more about his dad than I had told him earlier. I believe those of you in our class who knew Bob will enjoy my comments to his son. I first met Bob in September 1946 as a fellow member of the Deke fraternity. Bob was a great musician. In our Black Panthers band he played the drums but his real talent was as a piano player! In our junior year, Bob and I roomed together in Starr dormitory. When two students spend a college year together they get to know each other quite well. One story I hesitate to relate but I will. We both took a music course taught by Professor Alan Carter. Bob breezed through the class while I struggled. Our final exam consisted of naming classical songs as we sat in a round-type theater. Prior to the test, Bob and I devised a scheme whereby he would convey a sign to me from across the room. For example if the professor played a piece like Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*, Bob would put up three fingers and I wrote it on my exam paper. Most questions asked I knew but thanks to Bob, I aced the course! After college Bob married **Jean Scroggie** and they lived in Massachusetts until 1974, when they divorced. Bob joined the Navy right after college and had an illustrious career. He flew many combat missions in the Korean War, joined the Naval Reserve, and retired 25 years later. Like Bob, I remained in the Naval Reserve, having served three years of active duty in the Second World War. One day I told Bob I was ordered to a Navy base in Pensacola, Fla., for my annual reserve training. Bob and another officer stationed at a Navy base in Massachusetts offered to fly me there and back. They even let me take the controls of the small plane we were flying. We no sooner arrived in Pensacola than we entered the Officers Club where Bob spotted a piano and started playing jazz! If any of you classmates would like to hear Bob play boogie-woogie, send me your email address and I'll send you the link. Bob's two loves in life were aviation and music and he certainly excelled in both. His son, Bill, and I both wish I could correspond with Bob today!

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REUNION CLASS My hopes were that the stay-at-home orders would result in a flood of news from our classmates for the newsletter. That didn't happen. What has everyone been doing during these months? For me, it resulted in a longer stay at Hilton Head. Not a bad place to be forced to stay! Especially since New Jersey was one of the worst places hit with COVID-19. In fact, as I write this, we are still here. • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** did reply to a birthday greeting, saying that "the old gray mare" is still "fairly active." Comparatively speaking, that probably means she could still ski down a hill while I couldn't remember how to put on ski boots! • **Will Jackson** wrote that he expects to get a reward at Reunion for the person traveling the shortest distance to attend. • I am so very sorry to report the death of **Carol Osborn Moger**'s beloved husband, Harvey. He was a great Midd fan and one of their sons, Jeffrey, graduated from Midd in the Class of 1983. • **Roly Coates** said his "March Mooch" was like a "visit with grandchildren at an expensive restaurant." He left Orlando one warm sunny day to head home and arrived in New Hampshire to a 12-inch snowfall. **Roly** has written a poem called "Reunion 70" to arouse our enthusiasm for our Reunion in 2021. He says, "Seventy years have passed since graduation—a wonder in itself!" Here is his poem: "Think of all that has passed / In those 70 years / Weddings, children, work / Opportunities, changes, wars / Much has transpired. / Who is left from my class / To share experiences since / Last together? / What has gone on? / What do my old pals look like / With their sagging bodies and gray hair / What have they accomplished? / Are they happy? / What are my classmates thinking / About important issues of the day? / How has college affected them / In life's ventures? / I yearn to meet with them / To find answers to gauge myself / Did I meet expectations? / Did I do right? / I hope they come." • Start planning now! As President Laurie Patton has written, this year it was very difficult to cancel graduation and Reunion, but it was necessary. She has said there will be celebrations during the coming year. I feel sorry for the 2020 graduates, as I think about what an exciting time it was for us back in 1951. And I feel very sorry for President Laurie Patton as well, having to make that decision, and I know she will do what she can to do something special for them. Let's hope nothing will interfere with Reunion 2021! Hope you are all planning to be there! Please keep in touch. Best wishes to all. STAY WELL. **Lee**

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I am writing this one day before April Fool's Day. It seems appropriate with all that is going on with COVID-19. The toll it will take is still unknown at present and so I took comfort in calling and talking to several classmates, just to play catch-up. All were obeying the rules of "social distancing" and yet were, as always, spunky. • **Sally Baldwin Utiger** has been weathering difficulties with an unsteady heart but in April became reliant on a new Watchman implant to regulate a fibrillating heart valve. The only thing she regretted was that her annual trip to a gathering of fellow high-powered tennis refs in California wouldn't happen this year. She has had a grand time each year at the event and so looks forward to next year. About her health? One wouldn't know she was one iota concerned. • Talking with Sally connected me with **Lee McGowan Allison** at her new home in Concord, N.H. She gave up her lakeside home—handing it on to her kids—and moved into a graduated retirement community where she has her own cottage, plenty of room to hike with friends, and a laid-back, easy-going atmosphere that suits her—old clothes, sneakers, cafeteria-style meals. Until very recently, Lee was a volunteer tutoring African students in need of English, but the program had to end with the "plague" and she was missing it. It was, in her words, "rewarding—they were beautiful people, happy, and I really wanted to get it right." • **Mary Halsted Francoeur** was also the embodiment of cheerfulness, despite a fairly hazardous recent past that included totaling a car, breaking her leg, etc. Would you know it?? Not at all—as always we spent most of our time laughing together on the phone. Her only regret was that she probably wouldn't be able to pack her dog and self into the car and drive to Vermont this year, meaning she won't stop at my house along the way. • And **Joyce Rohr** called me to get in touch with **Jean Vaughan Varney** in response to Jean's obit for Erbie (**Louise Erb Mayr**) in the winter column. She wanted to have it remembered that she and Erbie and **Sally Lunt Weatherall** had a long ago adventure that lasted a year and a half. They rented an ambulance, which they used as a camper, and drove it down to southwest Mexico, where they were posted as Peace Corps volunteers at Valle de Bravo. There they housed with a minister. Joyce writes, "What a crazy time that was, and Louise was solid and stalwart throughout some very rough times for us all. (Can you say amoebic dysentery?) And then, so many years later (and having kept in touch throughout), we seriously regrouped in Germany. My husband (i.e., finally the right one!) was the head archaeologist for the Danish National Museum, so naturally, with Otto in the Deutsches Museum and Olfert and I in Copenhagen, we four happily regrouped in Munich, and in Leesburg, Ashburn, Boulder, etc." Worthy recollection that makes me smile! She also gave me the proud news that her grandson had completed his PhD and that she, he, and her son, Bradley, continue with concertizing. • Enough. Onward. Bravo.

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Nat Moss sent this note: "I am writing to share the sad news that my mother, **Margaret "Peggy" Benedict Moss** died

on May 20 at the age of 88. Peggy was the granddaughter of Louise Hagar Edgerton, one of the first three women to attend Middlebury in 1884, graduating in 1887. Louise Edgerton married Dr. Edwin Buxton Clift, who was a physician in Fair Haven, Vt., and graduated from Middlebury in 1890. Their daughter, Helen Clift, Class of 1918, married Dr. A. Palmer Benedict, Class of 1917, who likewise became a town physician in Fair Haven. Peggy was the third child born to Helen and Palmer Benedict. Her sister, Joan Benedict Soulia '52, and brother, Peter Benedict '50, also attended Middlebury, with Joan completing her undergraduate education at Boston University. Peggy's many other Middlebury relatives include great-great-grandfather Ozias Seymour, Class of 1820, great-uncles Horatio Seymour, Class of 1832, Seymour Edgerton, Class of 1888, and William Clift, Class of 1888, grandfather Ezra Benedict, Class of 1891, uncle Paul Benedict '25, and aunt Esther Benedict Booth '30. Peggy would eventually settle in Houston, Texas, before moving to Washington, D.C., where she lived with her son Jacob and his family for the last six years of her life."

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Correspondent **Tom Ryan** reports: "Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers is?" Burma Shave. And it has certainly sprung in Houston, Texas, the intergalactic center of the fossil fuel business. The current temperature is 88, with humidity to match. Between the Saudis, the Russians, and COVID-19, we are looking at some wild and exciting months ahead of us. Interesting times. • "And a roll of toilet paper for you, too." **Ferd Wyckoff** bought some meat at a very small meat market in Kennebunkport, Maine, and, after waiting to enter (keeping, of course, a socially responsible distance), picked up his meat and as a bonus, got a roll of toilet paper. Ferd was very pleased at the thoughtfulness of the merchant. "He's taking care of both ends of the alimentary canal!" He and **Mary Lou (Bayles)** are still in their beautiful Kennebunkport home, while the town changes around them. "A lot of New Yorkers moving here. Bumper-to-bumper traffic. Even the restaurants are changing." He, like most, is concerned about the economic effect that COVID-19 is likely to have on his town. He and Mary Lou travel locally, visiting children and grandchildren. A daughter recently moved to Billings, Mont., from Connecticut. "It may be a while before we get there again." • **Lois Wanstall Kaufmann** is "incarcerated" in her Middlebury, Vt., retirement home. Apparently, all of us living in retirement communities are subject to the same restrictions since the problems arose at the nursing home at Kirkland, Wash. No guests/visitors, closed dining facilities, limited interaction with other residents (social distancing), with outside travel discouraged. While free to walk around the grounds and within the facility, she, and the rest of us, are discouraged from venturing outside. Management is, rightfully, very concerned about our health. Lois also mentioned there is concern by local residents about those in Boston and NYC with second homes in the area arriving with more than they should. • **Blotto Black** is self-quarantining in Hilton Head, S.C., a nice place to be. After spending his career in education, he is enjoying his retirement. He had a number of pithy comments regarding the current state of public education. "Too many rules. An intrusive bureaucracy. Too much CYA (cover your arse). At my schools in New Jersey, we never had any locked doors. Parents were welcomed at all times. I hardly recognize campuses now. They all resemble prisons." Like our other classmates, Blotto noted that Hilton Head has changed, too. "Lots and lots of traffic, bumper to bumper over the bridge." As a resort, COVID-19 may reduce the traffic this year, although golf is, at least in Texas, considered an "acceptable" activity. • Like many of us, **Chuck Steinecke** is in a large retirement community (1,100 souls in a number of buildings) in Silver Spring, Md., with the same COVID-19 restrictions. He wrote, "So, while not in Maine, I'm in Maryland. And there's a Midd connection to my now being in Maryland. During our senior year, the National Security Agency sent a team of recruiters to Midd and I interviewed. When they offered me a job on the spot, I grabbed it. Being a lowly Spanish major, I had begun to panic about not finding a job after graduation. NSA is in Maryland, and I spent 40 years at the agency working in just about every part of the organization plus overseas and a year as a Sloan Fellow at MIT. But Maryland was always home. Two of our children are close by, and the third is just up the road in Delaware. Maine came into the picture around 1991 when **Maureen**'s sister returned from a family camping vacation in Acadia National Park and raved about it. We followed the next year and kept going back." Chuck now has a summer home in Winter Harbor, Maine, adjacent to Acadia, and he was planning to leave for it in early June. For a good look at the earlier NSA, I recommend *The Puzzle Palace*, published in 1982. It's a good read! • I spoke with Bill Gwatkin, husband of **Carol Anderson Gwatkin**, in Santa Rosa, Calif. Carol, you might recall, was the first married woman (Horrors!) allowed to live in the dorms. Bill, in the Navy at that time, was stationed at Guam, more than a short commute to Middlebury. Like many of us, they also are in a retirement community living with the same constraints/restrictions. Carol has some health issues, but Bill said, they are muddling through, like most of us. • And now for the bad news. We lost more classmates: **Elinor Osborn Gartner**, **Marguerite Brown Campbell**, and **Jane Cole Miller**. • We are social animals. The enforced inactivity and semi-isolation are very hard on all of us. But let's keep washing our hands and use technology to stay active and connected, as best as we can!

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Correspondent **Carlene Snyder Howland** reports: Sadly, **Ann Towle Dolbashian** passed away on January 3. She received BAs from Midd (education/mathematics) and Rhode Island College (music). While at Middlebury, she played the organ in local churches and she continued to do so in her home church, where she had played while in high school. She served as the music director for 20 years. She then played the organ at a nearby Congregational Church and served as music director. She was also a past president and longtime board member of the Portsmouth (R.I.) Free Public Library. An obituary appears in this issue. • **Junie Stringer DeCoster** was in Sanibel, Fla., through March, having visits from **Kathy Hughes von Hartz**, **Pat Hinman Makin**, and **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers**, and talking about their years at Middlebury. • **Jojo Kittel Corey** enjoyed some UVM hockey games this past winter. "They did not do well this year, but they played well." • **Joan Tolley Bassett** writes, "Alt '53 and I enjoy reading the class news. While others travel, we continue to enjoy 58 years in our Princeton, N.J., starter home. Our swimming pool is fun in the warm, summer months. Living near Princeton University for athletics and activities is rewarding. The sailboat was sold several years ago, so February in Venice, Fla., is a happy memory." • **Judie Mitchell Ward** shared a special memory with us: "Our very first Midd meal, evening of that first September day, tired, wound up, finding our way, sitting at round tables with cloths and being served (yes, served) by students (not volunteers). Our very first meal—potato soup, potato salad, potato chips, white cake, and milk, all served on white dinnerware. My cute little mother thought you were what you ate and fruit and veggies were food! Within a few days I called home. We did that infrequently (it cost money, remember?), but mother was anxious to know I was okay. (Oh, yes, and there was one phone in our dorm, in the hall. We took turns.) So I thought it would be fun to regale mother with this funny first menu. I thought she would laugh. Laugh? I spent the next 10 minutes fast-talking her out of getting in the car with Dad and driving up to take me home! Life-threatening was going through her mind for sure. I did learn a valuable lesson—don't treat mom to everything! The kitchen pulled itself together and our food was actually pretty good. We did have a meatloaf we referred to as Redheart (as in canned dog food). It was the visual twin. But we girls could have seconds and the guys could not. Oh, and 'It's an ill wind that blows no good,' as Ma would say in the Laura Ingalls Wilder *Little House in the Big Woods* series. After that mother sent me heavy boxes from Fruit-of-the-Month Club regularly. I remember bribing people with big grapefruit and navel oranges. Life is great!" • In 2012, my granddaughter and I (**Carlene**) had the

opportunity to be on campus with the Dalai Lama and to hear him speak. His emphases for a happy life were finding similarities in people, not differences; looking for good, not evil. I leave you with a quote from an address he made in 1981: "Wars arise from a failure to understand one another's humanness. Instead of summit meetings, why not have families meet for a picnic and get to know each other, while the children play together?" • Correspondent **John Baker** reports: **George Limbach** sent his update from Vail, Colo., where he was on his annual ski vacation with family and friends. "There are 23 in our group this year, including our two sons, one daughter, and two grandchildren. Besides skiing, I am still playing tennis six mornings a week. We continue enjoying life at our retirement community in Los Altos, Calif. I have taken up playing poker and bridge again. Ann and I especially enjoy all the outings and activities offered there." • **Alli Lank** spent a month on Marco Island, Fla., this past winter. "It was our longest period away since moving to our retirement community three years ago. Two days of rain, the rest just the way Florida is supposed to be. Absolutely NO snow in Hingham, Mass. Most surprising." • **Alan Gould** and Pat came for lunch one day and Alan correctly said, "Middlebury anecdotes mean much to us." • **Bob Heller** began his email with "Now a lot of my friends call me Tom," and also wrote, "Hunkered down in the midst of the New York corona epidemic. Doing fine catching up on all those books that I bought and never read." • **Dave McKissock** wrote in response to another email I shared: "I liked the jokes! I had an operation February 21 which was no joke—a valve replacement called a TAVR by my heart and aorta. I'm now okay but not much go-go yet. Just real glad to be alive. All the best to you during this terrible mess we're in." • **Everett MacAskill** reports, "All is well here. No fever, dry cough, trouble breathing, or whatever else indicates trouble now. So far, so good." • **Roy Craig** wrote in response to a Johns Hopkins notice about the coronavirus that I had forwarded to everyone: "Terrific, John. Thanks. You are our messenger." • **John Denny** said, "Thanks, John. Very good info from authoritative sources. I appreciate your efforts and continual service to our quarterly class news bulletins. Keep it coming! Cheers!" • Now the sad news. I regret to say that we recently lost two classmates: **Andrew Sigourney** died on January 10, and **John MacGowan** died on February 7. (Perhaps someone will have a word to say in the fall class notes about them.) • I talked to **Dick Wollmar**, **Alan Frese**, **Earl Samson**, and **Jonathan Brand**'s wife—all are dealing with serious problems of one sort or another. Reach out to them! • I was so glad our family was able to gather over Christmas before this horrendous pandemic hit! I now manage to keep busy in this time of confinement. Fortunately we're in the boondocks of northwestern Connecticut and we can get out and hike. But I also have all kinds of inside projects. (My files and emails have never been tidier!) My book(let), *The Case for Edward de Vere as the Real William Shakespeare* has mostly five-star comments on Amazon. (I wonder if Paul Cubeta would ever have become an Oxfordian?) This year would have been our 21st time in Inishowen, Ireland, for the annual Folksong and Ballad Seminar. But it was canceled. I have canceled my now quarterly traditional song night at our local Bull's Bridge Inn. • Last but not least, since Reunion time is when correspondents sometimes change, I say, "I can't imagine anyone eager to take over my role. I'll gladly defer to any volunteer, but otherwise I'll be pleased to continue as class correspondent." Warm wishes to you all in these difficult days. Maybe we can convene for a postponed 65th Reunion next year?

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REUNION CLASS **Dick Catlin** writes, "Last year Barb and I did a little RVing with our Airstream. One stop was in Massachusetts where we camped in **Mo**'s (**Marita Mower Tasse**) driveway. Got a boat tour of her lovely lake, which I think is called Quacumquasit. But the real highlight was having Mo take us on a tour of Old Sturbridge Village, where you can watch Colonial-era artisans like tinsmiths and shoemakers ply their trade. Then it was on to Maine and visits with many friends. On December 29 I suffered a major heart attack. Was a guest of Fletcher Allen Hospital's state-of-the-art cardiac center. They kept me three weeks and did a fantastic job. At one point I told them they might as well measure the pine box but they would have none of that. After coming home, I went through cardio-rehab in the local Porter Hospital. I've made good progress, driving, walking, and slowly strengthening. **Mark Benz** and I are in close contact. We have similar situations with our wives being challenged by short-term memory loss. Had a nice long letter from **Ned MacDowell**. And YES, we will make it to June of 2021 and a Friday night dinner at Sundown Farm." • **Mark** and **Nancy Warner Benz** filed this report this spring: "The March nighttime sky out the window of our rural Lincoln, Vt., home is of a bright moon just past being full. This moon is symbolic of our lives these days. Nancy is helping the 'old folks' at nearby Middlebury Project Independence three days a week. Many of the participants find short-term memory loss a challenge, but not really important when interacting with other participants, and indeed, Nancy. Mark is urging two postretirement inventions along: making pediatric CT safer for children by modifying the X-ray spectrum being used with an inexpensive filter system to reduce the X-ray dose, and making internal combustion engines and fuel types improved to reduce carbon-bearing gases emitted to the atmosphere. We are enjoying 'bright moon just past being full' these days." • **Stan Hayward** remembers **Bob Keating**, who passed away last year. "I suspect that for many classmates, what they will most remember about Bob was his smile. They will also remember him for his decency, friendliness, and honesty. And if he conveyed youthfulness, consider that he would have still been a teenager had the '56 Commencement taken place a month earlier than it did; he was only 16 when he enrolled at Middlebury. Modest to a fault, Bob did not tout his accomplishments. As it was, he was VP of Sig Ep, captain of the varsity baseball team, and, not surprisingly, a member of Blue Key. After Middlebury, Bob served five years as a military officer in Korea as a tank platoon leader, and, after Army Air Corps flight school in Germany, he served as a pilot. Bob met his wife, Judy, in 1962 while serving in the 3rd Armored Division; they were married in 1963 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. After returning from Europe, Bob got a degree from Cornell University in hotel administration and returned to his hometown of Woodstock, N.H., where he and Judy worked hard to make a success of their resort business in the White Mountains. They had three children, son Chris and daughters Kelly and Kathryn. Later, to their delight, they had seven grandchildren, one of whom, Evie Keating, captained the 2018 Middlebury women's lacrosse team and was named a collegiate All-American. Professionally, Bob and Judy were in the resort business for 60 years. Bob served two terms as president of the New Hampshire Hotel and Restaurant Assoc. He helped found the Loon Mountain Recreation Corp. and served on Loon Mountain's board of directors and as the chair of the board. In 1979, he went to law school and was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 1981. Although Bob was not born in New Hampshire, he was a New Hampshire man to the core. His family moved to Woodstock in 1947 when he was 11 years old and he prepared for Middlebury at the Holderness School. As aforementioned about his identity with New Hampshire, Bob wrote, 'Our life is pretty simple here in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and we like it that way.'" • **Burt Emory** shares these remembrances of **Hugh van Zelm**, who passed away recently. "Hugh and I met in college. We roomed together for three years (fraternity Slug house as sophomores and on campus for the next two years). He was my best friend at Midd. I will relate just two things that we did together. There were many, but these two stand out. Midd played Williams at Williams our sophomore year. Bob Sprague, CEO of Sprague Electric, was Hugh's uncle and we stayed at his home in Williamstown with both of our dates. After the game and dinner we went to the Sprague home and had a lot of laughs. It was late and trying to be quiet was a challenge. Our host was kind and did not come down to tell us to be quiet. Secondly, I don't remember what year it was, but we did not like the food that was served in the frat house, so we went to the Dog Team Tavern, talked with the owners and negotiated a deal with them. We agreed to eat dinner at the tavern five days a week for the entire semester. As it turned out,

the cost was only $10.00 more than the dinners at the fraternity. After college, Hugh and I went different ways, he to the Carolinas and I to Denver. We corresponded by phone and mail. I shall miss him." • Lastly, **John Hoops** and **Ned MacDowell** remember **Cy Anfindsen.** John writes, "Cy recently passed away. We lost a true Middlebury friend, who loved the College and who always enjoyed seeing his classmates. He was an excellent basketball and baseball player. I'll never forget the great times we had together, especially when we were 'on the road.'" Ned adds these thoughts. "He (Cy) was a terrific guy, among the most accomplished of our class. He had lived with Parkinson's disease for a long time and I remember his positive attitude when I last saw him at a Reunion (I think it was the 50th). He spoke nothing of the hardships he was facing, and just about the wonderful support of the Parkinson's community and the very effective medications available to manage the disease. A great way to remember a great guy." • Take care of yourselves in these uncertain times. And continue to send us your news, greatly appreciated.

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As we're sure you read in the spring notes, the '58 column will now concentrate on what you've done since retirement that you did not anticipate while you were at Middlebury. Here are a few responses we've captured lately. • Retirement means more time for **Butch Widen** to manage his 100-acre Elmdale Horse Farm in Wilton, Maine, tending the flock and harvesting hay for the barn. While in the ski business, Butch also had a horse farm in Florida, where he wintered. Now, he's dedicated to the one in Maine. He also has spent lots of time over the last 20 years fishing with **Bruce Barlow** all over the world: Russia, New Zealand, Argentina, Norway, Iceland, Chile, and, often, Labrador and Newfoundland. As Butch says, "Pretty simple life." • A wonderful account of then and now came from **Ellie Humme**: "As a student at Middlebury College, I never would have believed that I would be marching for equal rights for women. I followed the norms of the times and never questioned, for instance, the curfew that we had while the men had none. It was mostly due to the fact that I was raised to feel equal by my immigrant father from Germany and my American mom. But there I was in the early '70s, marching in Washington, D.C., for the Equal Rights Amendment! How did that happen? I found out the hard way, that as a wife, I did not have equal rights in the state of Pennsylvania. And so began my awakening and journey to join with thousands of others to bring about the equal treatment of women under the law." Yea for Ellie! • Another great report on life today as opposed to '58 came from **Nancy Gurney Hayes**: "It is a perfect day today: blue sky, light breeze, moderate temps. Whoever thought I'd be sitting here in our beautiful condo in lovely Williston, Vt., a town situated between the lake and the mountains so that the drive in either direction is pure pleasure? Not me! I had always pictured living in Burlington as I did growing up and as Jerry and I did for years with our three kids. Sometimes fate, or whatever, has other plans for us—and we love this one! When we were in college, I had no plans to be a teacher, although until then I had always wanted to be one. Try to figure! However, as our children started school and I had more time, I looked into getting certified and decided to go back to school. Fortunately, there was a job for me when I finished and I retired 19 years later. Something else I had never planned on was working retail in a store on the Burlington Marketplace, which I did part time for several years after teaching. Life doesn't always go as one thinks it will, but I hope it has been as wonderful for you as it has been for me! Now, let's hope we can all stay healthy!" How right you are, Nancy! • **Bill Geenty** reports, "After trying several other options, I decided to make the Army my career. In 1967, I reactivated and was sent to Ranger School. I completed the training (lost 50 pounds doing so) and was ordered to Okinawa. There I met Norma Murashige, a native of Hawaii, and the light of my life. We were married in 1968. The Army sent us to a number of places, including Vietnam. After 13 years of active duty, I left the Army, and we relocated to Hawaii. In 1996, I retired from a private security firm and Norma from the state of Hawaii, where she worked in personnel for the state attorney general. We have two children and two grandchildren. They all live in California and will help us celebrate our 52nd wedding anniversary this year. Norma and I enjoy health consistent with our age—aches and pains but nothing we can't exist with. We hope to make the move to a local retirement home later this year." • Here's an announcement from **Dick Johnson**, re our class gift: "When 2008 was approaching, our Reunion committee was considering an appropriate 50th Reunion gift. **Linda Durfee Dean** told us her story. Unknown to us, her father had died her sophomore year, forcing her to leave school. Dean Kelly had provided the necessary funds, for which Durf (as she was affectionately called) was eternally grateful. Durf urged us to create an 'endowed student assistance fund' to help others in the future. And we did. This year our class received a grateful letter from a senior, who received needed funding from our Reunion gift, a result of Durf's vision and our class." (Sadly, we must report that **Linda Dean** passed away on July 20. She will be very much missed.) • On another sad note, we learned that classmate **Bob Batal** passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Bob was born on November 5, 1935, in Andover, Mass., and attended Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H. He then went on to Middlebury where he met the love of his life, Sandy Yeomans '59. While at Middlebury, Bob played varsity football and was a member of Sig Ep fraternity. After serving with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Fort Hood, Texas, Bob and Sandy were married and raised their four children in Fairfax, Va., and Rye Beach, N.H. They were blessed with eight grandchildren over their nearly six decades of marriage. Bob began his business career in Virginia as a realtor in the early '60s and later founded Batal Builders, building single-family homes and townhomes throughout Northern Virginia. Bob was a dedicated Midd alum and will be sorely missed. • Another wonderful classmate left us in 2019. **Carl Scheer**, 82, died peacefully in his sleep on December 13. He was born on December 14, 1936, in Springfield, Mass. After graduating from Middlebury, he received his law degree from the University of Miami Law School. Carl and wife Marsha settled in Greensboro, N.C., where he practiced law before NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien made him assistant commissioner of the NBA. This began a 50-year career in professional sports that included roles with the Carolina Cougars, Denver Nuggets, Los Angeles Clippers, Charlotte Hornets, Charlotte Checkers, and Greenville Grrrowl. Carl is best remembered as creator of the All-Star Game's "Slam-Dunk Contest." Above all, Carl was proud of and dedicated to his family and friends. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. • We were, also, saddened to learn that **Charlie Gilbert** passed away on January 7, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Charlie was born in Detroit, Mich., on July 22, 1936. He attended Lawrenceville School before entering Middlebury. After graduation, he served in the Marine Corps, earning the rank of captain. Professionally, Charlie worked for and eventually ran a successful car dealership in Trenton, N.J., Gilbert and Mott Chevrolet. After retiring from that career, he parlayed his passion for horses into raising thoroughbreds and racing them for 30-plus years. Charlie had several interests and hobbies throughout his lifetime. He became an expert marksman and was influential in the establishment of Washington Crossing Gun Club in New Jersey. He was a professional photographer for numerous publications. The one thing he loved most in life was talking with family, friends, and the people he encountered. Charlie loved intelligent engagement coupled with humor. He would deliver a "humor bomb" with the straightest face imaginable. He had a huge heart filled with compassion for his fellow man. • Another dear classmate has left us: **Sally MacCracken** died on January 17. Sally lived in Rexford, N.Y., and for years was manager of the structures and materials lab at GE in Schenectady, N.Y. • On a happier note, we will

continue our project dedicated to things you are doing that you never dreamed of when you left Middlebury in 1958. Please send us some of these experiences so that we can share them with the rest of the class. And thank you from your class correspondents!

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Bob Fries reports that he is not being attacked by the coronavirus. His work with the 2020 Census Bureau has been completed. He has now passed the five-year mark of what is described as an "essential service," two mornings a week running the fuel station at his neighborhood Walmart. "Never thought I would be one of those. Like the Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times.'" • **Mary Charles Blakebrough** says, "If you are in the Raleigh/Durham, N.C., area, come visit. Hugs from afar in this time of handwashing, hunkering down, and distance keeping." • From **Anne Goebel Barkman** came this: "Authorities in Quebec smartened up fairly early in the game and as of March 23, all stores closed except groceries, gas stations, pharmacies, and the province-run liquor and cannabis monopolies. The number of customers in the store at one time has been limited, and people lining up outside to get in have mostly maintained the required six-foot distance from others. Just about everything else closed as well; playgrounds were encircled with the tape used at crime scenes, the streets and sidewalks were almost empty and so was public transportation. Everyone aged 70 and over was told not to leave their homes (except for walks outside). Without the Internet and the phone to maintain contact with other people as we practice social distancing and social isolation, it would be even more difficult, but fear is (or should be) a great motivator." • **Dick Hofmann** says there are worse places to be stuck during the pandemic than Bradenton, Fla. "We can all be grateful that we were able to have our 60th Reunion last June. My regards to all our classmates and may God keep you all well and see you through the current crisis." • **Anne Martin Hartmann** writes, "No big news from me. No Florida this year. Ah well, let's hope that our actions will slow the virus and perhaps bring normalcy in the near future. Would be nice." • **John Rich** is very healthy and part of that credit goes to the mountains of Idaho, which have social distancing normally. "Yes, we do have an adequate supply of paper products!" John reports his property is nestled next to the National Forest on the east with signs that say "Private Property, NO ATVs." He tracked down an ATV and the driver immediately held up a stiff arm and said, "Six feet." "It struck me a bit strange that you folks come a half-mile onto my property and then tell me to keep my distance." • **Jan Martin Fenwick** says, "Here in Silicon Valley we have the dubious honor of the highest number of COVID-19 cases, second to LA. However, we are enjoying sheltering here. Escrow has closed and we can't do much but shelter in place. Amazon has helped, and especially Instacart—when it works. My first order worked well; the grocery delivery came the next day, but alas the second order didn't. Maybe a bit overloaded? Our plans are to go into a continuing care facility here in Palo Alto named the Vi (hopefully in a couple of months). Anyway, we are grateful that all our family is doing well—so far so good. I so enjoyed Reunion and being in touch with many of you! Hope everyone is doing well and escaping the virus. Let's hope if or when this happens again, that the president and administration are better prepared, with better science and better leadership. I'll sign off with great Middlebury memories!" • **Dick Krasker** and his wife made the big trip back to Fryeberg, Maine, from Portland to be at home in the country. It is much different than living with 100 apartments, and 400 other people make it hard to isolate—taking the elevator four times a day just with the dog—so Plan B took place at least two months earlier than normal. • **Ginny Schlosser Vaules** says, "I am seeing a lot of New York's governor and mayor on TV, which is comforting to know they are on top of things. Makes you-know-who look even more useless. I have moved temporarily from my retirement community to stay with family during this crisis. There are very strict rules enforced in senior communities to try to keep folks healthy but I am safer living with three people instead of 600! Hope you are taking care of yourself. Stay well." • **Judy Webster Bauer** writes, "We are doing fine out in Seattle, staying home except to walk outside for exercise. Our kids who live in Oregon are also doing fine. My husband, Dale, has mastered much of the intricacies of ordering groceries online and neighbor friends are also shopping for us. Thank you for keeping our classmates in touch with one another! Take care!" • **Bick Bicknell** and Ginny snuck away on an early March cruise just before quarantine. They left Tampa Bay with stops in Key West, Nassau, and Coco Caye in the Bahamas with 40 of their music buddies, who played mountain dulcimers, ukuleles, and penny whistles, entertaining fellow cruisers. • **Lucille Beckman** says, "I am doing okay. I'm living by myself here in Crested Butte, Colo., a tiny little ski town. I moved here 25 years ago and just love it. I can ski and hike to my heart's content, and the town is a very welcoming, close-knit community. My son, Scott, and his family live about five blocks from me. My granddaughter, Siena, is a sophomore at Middlebury. We are basically locked down here. I don't mind being alone and I am keeping in touch with lots of my local friends and, of course, the family. Last October, **Roxy Macdonough Giddings** and I drove up to Middlebury to visit my granddaughter. We saw the new campus buildings and admired the fall foliage. A fun, quick rather hilarious

IN MEMORIAM

Pete Erbe '59, who died July 6, was a little guy with a huge heart. All his life he proved that he could excel in anything he undertook. He commanded attention and action with either a gentle touch or a stern order. His mantra, spoken generously and frequently, was the word "outstanding." He was captain of his Hotchkiss football and ski teams, class president at the College for three years, and president of our Chi Psi fraternity; he was selected to Middlebury's Blue Key and Waubanakee honor societies; was top of his class in the Army parachute training course and completed the grueling Army Ranger training, which tested his strength and will.

On a cold and snowy February night in West Germany in 1960, as a senior first lieutenant I was bogged down in a column of military vehicles creeping along to some destination in our training exercise. From out of the snow, I saw the headlights of a solitary Jeep bouncing up the shoulder of the road from behind. It stopped and from it leaped this little peppery junior second lieutenant, waving his arms and demanding that I get my column of vehicles moving. I did a double take. Did I know this guy? "Are you Pete Erbe?" I called. "Yes, are you Dick Powell? How about getting your people moving?" What a take-charge guy. So, we had reconnected on a distant continent among 250,000 soldiers serving there in important roles for our country. Thereafter he attended my wedding. We skied in Austria together, golfed in North Carolina, and otherwise socialized and stayed in touch, bonded by fraternity, the Army, and mutual admiration and friendship.

Pete served in Vietnam during 1966–67 as an advisor to Vietnamese infantry units, earning a Bronze Star medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Combat Infantry Badge, and an Air Medal. He was an instructor in leadership and small unit tactics at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. Twice he was selected to teach at the United States Military Academy at West Point, earning the 1980 Outstanding Instructor award. Along the way he earned two master's degrees in history, interlaced with key assignments in Korea, Fort Monroe, and Fort Belvoir, Va., and graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

When Middlebury was planning its Veterans Reunion in 2000, I called on Pete to be our "Headquarters Commandant" to handle the myriad of details in running the first-ever three-day special event for over 90 Midd veterans and spouses. He was up before dawn and retired late evenings—always a gracious host and dependable partner. He pitched in again for our 2003 Veterans Reunion.

Flashback to the early '80s, when Pete had retired and joined the prestigious Dunhill firm to provide executive searching, coaching, and career development. Whenever he saw the need for leadership and action, he would step up specially to help his prep school or college class, organization, or community with outstanding results.

In service to his country, his community, his family, and his friends he was unquestionably second to none. He had the aura of a military man coupled with a remarkable humanity. A good humble man who touched so many, he will be missed. To you, Pete: "Outstanding job!" Rest in peace.

—Dick Powell '56

trip with the two of us old ladies, who still both drive stick shifts, using a modern car!" • **Tony Garcia** and Jane escaped to St. Augustine this winter. They canceled a return flight and might end up driving the 1,300 miles back home. On the other side, they may simply stay "stranded" in St. Augustine. Tony walks a lot and then they picnic at different beaches and parks and write stories for the American Legion and watch lots of movies. **Bob** and Polly Philbrick '60 **Ray** stopped on their way to Naples. • **Robine Andrau** writes, "Thanks to COVID-19, we had to trash a three-generation family vacation to the West Coast. My two daughters have bubble-wrapped me and do my food shopping and run errands. No excuse now to keep me from decluttering my house and finishing my writing projects. I've been leading a writing group at the senior center since last fall and am grateful for Zoom and Google Hangouts, which keep me connected to it and my writing, meditation, and book groups. Stay safe, everyone." • **Fred Swan** and wife Pat went on another Road Scholar trip. This time it was Egypt, with stops in Cairo, Alexandria, at the pyramids, Valley of the Kings, Cairo Museum, to ride camels, and at the Aswan Dam. They made a side trip to Dubai and saw the presidential palace in Abu Dhabi. During the winter, Fred traveled to the Middlebury Snow Bowl and sideslipped down the Voter Trail. Then it was off again to the warmer climes of Humacao, Puerto Rico, visiting the beach, the Arecibo radio telescope and joining a night kayaking excursion to a bioluminescent bay. Dinoflagellates emit light at night when the water is stirred by a paddle. We're not sure how many countries Fred and Pat have visited in the past 60+ years. • From **Ailene Kane Rogers** came this: "During this past year I have had health issues that warranted more specialized care. In January, I went to daughter Helen's home in Atlanta. I thought I would be there for one week but it turns out that it is permanent. I am so sorry to not have been more in touch but life is challenging. I hope to keep up—God bless you all. My new contact information is 647 Valley Green Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30342. Tel: 631-923-8905, mobile: 516-994-7109." • **Paul Fitzgerald** enjoyed skiing Alta-Snowbird this past winter then went back to NYC and after three days, headed back to Montana where the trout were starting to rise. Many trout will succumb to his fly-fishing talent. Paul's recommendation for surviving sheltering is a few bottles of Chardonnay or Merlot. Isn't it interesting to know that liquor stores are "essential" businesses. • **Charlie Davis** and wife Susan are very typical of all retirees. They have had to cancel airline reservations for graduations, defer a trip to Mexico, and need shoulder physical therapy but the office is closed. "We got more yardwork done this spring and have peas, lettuce, and kale. Learning to hunker was not on my bucket list, but our parents and grandparents survived similar crises and way-back distant relatives made it through the plague. Stiff upper lip and PASS the BOTTLE!" • **Nancy Smoller Le Floch** is currently in rehab in France. In case you'd like to send her a card, her address is 9 la graviere, Fontfrede, 63140 Chatel Guyon, France. She'd love to hear from you. • Greetings from the Big Apple, the epicenter. Your class correspondent (**Millicent**) just wants to let you know that she is okay. I live alone but my niece Catherine comes to visit to help me with groceries and companionship. I go for a walk each afternoon with my rollator, gloves, and mask. Most of the stores and restaurants are closed and the neighbors stay six feet away. God bless us all and may we all stay safe!

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Loey Boon Hill spent a week in May with her sister in Santa Barbara, Calif. She flew back to Lenox, Mass., early to be sure of getting home. She had to self-quarantine for two weeks after being on planes that were filled to capacity. • In June, **Lindy Hill Reed** (Colorado) initiated a Zoom reunion over thousands of miles. The gathering included **Jane Collins Garcia** (Florida), **Judy Richardson Weil** (British Columbia), **Polly Philbrick Ray** (Rhode Island), and **Pat "Scout" Watrouse Messer**, **Nancy "Mumf" Mumford Mulvey**, and **Loey Hill** (Massachusetts). They reported it was wonderful to connect and a great antidote for pandemic isolation. They recommend it! **Mumf**, **Scout**, **Loey**, and **Nancy Hill Griswold** shared an apartment on Beacon Street, Boston, for a couple of years after graduation. They fondly remember those years of learning how to cook and to be independent—enjoying all the city had to offer, but with little money. • Chapter 1: **Jane Bryant Quinn** finally decided to retire. The update of her book, *How to Make Your Money Last*, came out in January. She wrote her last column for the AARP in December. She and husband Carll Tucker moved to Rome, planning on at least a year and maybe more. They leased an apartment in the heart of the historical district, on the top of one of Rome's famous hills. From their windows, they could see the Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum, and the Vatican, among other landmarks. They soaked up history, art, music, and gelato and stumbled along with Italian lessons. Carll learned to make a fabulous carbonara. Arranging for a permit to stay for a year was complicated, but worth every bit of the frustration. If not now, when? Jane added a postscript to her first note. For those wondering about health care, Jane had a small setback and needed a CT scan. They were uninsured. Their splendid English-speaking doctor apologized for the cost: a whopping 150 Euros. Chapter 2: Jane and Carll visited Milan and Bergamo just before Northern Italy started to shut down. Their last concert was canceled. They caught the next train to Rome, which, at the time, was still open. There was plenty of toilet paper and Purell. No hoarding. Rome was very obedient about the lockdown rules. When they learned that the U.S. wanted people coming from Italy to quarantine for two weeks, they caught the next plane home (March 6), expecting to start New York appointments as soon as their quarantine was over. When they got here, New York started shutting down—no operas, no doctor appointments, no dinners with friends, no hairdresser. In another couple of weeks all their friends would know what color their hair really was! They have been in hiding in their weekend house on Long Island. Jane's son and his wife stocked the refrigerator so they wouldn't have to go out. Most of their stuff is still in Rome. They plan to return to the apartment for a second year, so they can make up for the time they lost. They were VERY happy in Rome. Jane noted that studying Italian is harder, when one doesn't hear it all around. They started a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle of the Sistine ceiling. • **Bob Hall** wrote his 2019 Christmas letter in April 2020 from West Hartford, Conn. While he has not been able to see his extended family, he sent a photo spread to us. In September he refereed high school soccer. In October he laced up his skates for a season of ice hockey, played twice a week, in the evening. He admitted that he napped ahead of time. He missed not officiating high school lacrosse this past season. In 2019, one grandson graduated from college, another from Bob's high school, Loomis-Chaffee. A third grandson is a sophomore at Loomis. Starting in 2021, the Halls will be attending graduations every year thru 2028. (By the way, there are seven Loomis alums in our class: **Dick Atkinson**, **Bruce Burnham**, **Linc Clark**, **Bill French**, **Bob Hall**, **John Howard**, and **Art Myles**.) Bob and Marcia look forward to seeing them and you at our delayed 60th in 2021. • From Kearney, Neb., **Kathryn Olds Falconer** sent a note out of boredom. She was quarantined by her children and grandchildren. She made some very good suggestions: Read. Write a poem, story, song, start a journal. Write a letter to a friend, enemy, relative, newspaper editor, and/or her. Polish the silver, clean the cupboards. Work on or start a hobby. Work in the yard. Walk the dog (again). Try a new recipe. Buy a gift certificate for your favorite restaurant for a relative or friend. Be thankful for what you have—family, friends, health, food, shelter, and (in her case) no toddlers at home. Kathryn used blue ink not only to save her black cartridge, but also because blue is the color of hope. • **Lowrie Gibb** checked in by phone from Westport, Conn. His grandchildren graduated from high school and missed out on all the festivities of their major rites of passage: prom, senior week, walking across the stage. He wanted to know when we will celebrate our 60th Reunion and said he plans to attend. • We are sorry to report the recent deaths of three classmates: **Roberta Sperry Schweiger** died on November 27, 2019. Robbie was a sociology major, a junior counselor, and president of Theta Chi Omega

as a senior. After earning her MSW, her professional life revolved around children, in adoption services in Akron, and then as a school social worker in Denver. Once she and husband Ben had their three daughters, she was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, a paraprofessional in many schools, and an active supporter of many community organizations. **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** and **Nancy Mulvey** remember Robbie fondly from the seven-week tent camping trip in the U.S. and Canada they took with Robbie and the late **Ruth Brown Salisbury** the summer after graduation. Mumf adds, "We put 10,000 miles on the car and it was pretty close to 'laughing all the way,' a very special memory." • **John MacDonald** passed away January 16 in Dayton, Ohio. From Rutland, Vt., he was a member of our class who received his BS degree from Syracuse Univ. He was a language specialist in the U.S. Army. In 1978, John and partner Whitney Johnson cofounded Johnson MacDonald/John B. MacDonald and Sons employment agency within the business services sector. An obituary appears in this issue. • **George Camp** passed away on March 30 in Enfield, Conn. He was an American literature major, played intramural sports, and was a member of Theta Chi. He earned an MA in criminology and corrections at Florida State Univ. in 1962, and a PhD in sociology at Yale Univ. in 1967. His career in criminal justice started in Connecticut and continued in California, Illinois, and New York until retirement in 2016. George produced numerous publications as he diligently and patiently worked to improve correctional systems throughout the United States. He enjoyed playing tennis and acquiring antiques. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles, sailing, hunting, and traveling with his wife, Camille. George leaves his wife, four children, six grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Mojo.

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REUNION CLASS It's always a bit difficult to write our Class Acts column so far in advance. This time it is *really* hard. I'm writing this at the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak. I have no idea what life will be like when you read this. • **Sophia Healy** wrote to say that in January her latest book, *Lemon Dialogue*, was published by &Z. Distribution was delayed by the pandemic, but the book should be available by the time you read this. Sophia lives in Vermont and Texas, and as of this writing, she was "self-sequestered in San Antonio." • I hope **Fred** and Eleanor Williamson **Fischer** are still saying, "So far, so good," as they did in March. At that point they weren't under total shutdown, shopping for food, taking walks, and using Zoom as they did for a virtual

1 On July 20, 2019, Maureen Wyse '13 married Mac Stormont '13 at the Grafton Inn in Grafton, Vt. Many Midd friends and family celebrated with the couple: (all '13 unless noted) Patrick Hebble, Michael Schmidt '12, Emily Cordner, Mrig Mehra, the newlyweds, (second row) Will Gibbons, Martin Sweeney, Peter Andersen, Jack Davies, Kayla Bien, Barbara Ofosu-Somuah, Anthony Lee, Colleen Harper '14, Nate Sans '14, Greg Krathwohl '14, Kathryn Benson, (third row) Sarah O'Brien, Jim Stormont '81, Sue Stormont Murphy '74, Meeghan Murphy Fortson '00, Dustin Wiegl, Doug Murphy '71, Maggie Khuu, and Melake Getabecha. 2 Middlebury friends and family gathered in Cornwall, Vt., to celebrate with Lindsey Franklin '07, newly minted minister in the United Church of Christ and recent Harvard Divinity School graduate: (all '07 unless noted) Janet Halstead Franklin '72, Churchill Franklin '71, Carol Guest, Caitlin Littlefield, Kelly Blynn, Lindsey, Emily Adler Boren with Felix, and Jay Boren '06. 3 While on vacation, Isabel Domeyko Taylor '98 had a mini-reunion in Paris with Carole Stromboni, who was an exchange student at Middlebury in '97–98: Isabel and Carole.

4 Middlebury alumni enjoy working together at Porter Hospital in Middlebury: Natasha Kelly Withers '02, Anna Benvenuto '00, Mike Seaton '93, Amanda Stine Young '94, and Katie Howard Wagner '98. 5 Friends from the Class of 1988 had a mini-reunion in Woodstock, Vt.: (kneeling) John Chaplin, (standing) Chris Sinton, Isabelle Bleecker, Frances Fox Chowdhary, Sarah Cooper Williams, Jill Adams (John's wife), (second row) David VanLuven, Sarah Korjeff Mumford, Diana Stuart Sinton, and Martin Williams (Sarah's husband).

cocktail party. Fred added, "We find ourselves phoning and texting our kids and grandkids a lot more often, along with friends scattered around the country. We also wake up to music these days instead of news on NPR. We're able to handle the news only after a couple of coffees." • When **John Williams** wrote, he felt that Sarasota, Fla., was one of the safest places from the virus. All cases were in the segment of wealthy people outside of the local population and all of the cases at that point had come from people who had been to New York and Italy. Like some of us, John has a knee replacement that needs to be revised because he's had it so long. Along with rheumatoid arthritis, he became a licensed medical marijuana patient and is finding this quite therapeutic. • **Frank Coy** reported that he and Gail were doing well under the difficult times. They were hunkering down and only going out to buy food and wine. Like the rest of us, they were also keeping their distance from everyone and washing their hands many times a day. In addition to daily walks, they were busy playing Scrabble, listening to music, doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles, and watching some favorite old films. • **Jane Werner Bonnesen** misses her social contacts most: volunteering at the kindergarten and working at the yarn store. She and husband Stan reported doing what many of the rest of us have been doing: hunkering down and going for walks. She joined another segment of the population, cleaning out closets and drawers and making piles of things to give away. And despite the flour shortages, she baked baguettes and English muffins. Jane got a start on her garden and planted many of her seeds under lights in the basement. Plus she had lettuce growing in two aerogardens. Jane was already looking forward to a family reunion to make up for all the missed birthdays and other events during the pandemic. • It's always a delight to hear from classmates who haven't written in long while, so I was especially happy to hear from **Roddy Stanton**. She says, "I live alone in a big old house, and I don't see anyone in this quarantine. But hardly twiddling my thumbs, I am cleaning out closets and the store room, finding lots of old stuff no longer useful, or not even recognized, to take to the Thrift Shop when I can. Montana Governor Steve Bullock has shut down the entire state so there's nowhere to go in our little town of 7,500 souls even if I did go out. I'm grinding away at a stack of unread books—and thank goodness for Netflix! These are interesting times we live in when we don't know what will happen next." • **Carolyn Bennett Jackson** loves living in Vermont, right next to Middlebury. She never tires of her view of the College with the Green Mountains in the background. Before the shelter-in-place directive, she kept her Texas connection strong by going a few times a year to visit children and grandchildren. Another pleasure is taking a couple of birding trips each year. Her latest adventures took her to Northern Peru last fall and Ghana this past winter to see some West African and high Andes birds she hadn't seen. Carolyn adds, "That's the beauty of watching birds as a hobby, they are everywhere. So, now I'm enjoying them even more out my kitchen window and in my own patch of woods." She hopes (as does your correspondent) to see everyone at Reunion next year, closer than six feet away. • **Betsy Hawley Greenman**'s sense of humor is never far away. She opened her communication with this: "My news involves a 'fortunate' break." During a family visit, she tripped over an inflatable bed. Betsy reports that "crossing it to get into the closet I somehow managed to land on my right arm/shoulder. The dislocated shoulder was relocated (with the assistance of 'happy juice') and the fractured arm was immobilized. My family brought me back to eastern Oregon with them for the duration of immobility—which turned into shelter-in-place." We hope that by the time this shows up in print, Betsy will have traveled back to her Shoreline, Wash., home or moved permanently to Oregon. Betsy added, "For some time I have pondered what my next move would be. It is clear that Seattle area prices do not offer any retirement situations for my budget. My Oregon son and family have offered—for years—that I live near them. And so, with the availability of the rare rental (one third the price I'm now paying), I will move to Halfway, Ore., population 288, with amazing views, good medical care, restaurants, bars, grocery stores, bank, etc.—and my family, including two grandsons, 12 and 9." • I close with the hope that by now we are clearly past the most imminent dangers of the coronavirus and are looking forward to the future, albeit a different one than what we might have imagined months ago. Another note: all who wrote in wished the best for our classmates, especially as we look forward to our 60th Reunion next spring.

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We heard from **Jim Warburton** in March: "First, I am both physically and mentally fine! More about the virus in Spain and specifically in Gaucín in a moment. My 80th birthday was February 5. That day I had a birthday lunch with my good friend Misty, whose birthday is also February 5. Great time. Misty had even preordered a birthday cake. Then February 8 I was planning on a birthday luncheon with Spanish friends Juan Antonio and Jesús to celebrate Aquarian birthdays. Jesús picked me up and I expected we would go to a local restaurant for lunch. We stopped for him to deliver something and he asked me to go along. We opened the door and there were around 45 people, all with cat masks, singing 'Happy Birthday' to me. It was a wonderful and very genuine surprise. They had set up a private WhatsApp account, coordinated food that everyone would bring, had decorated the evening before, and even hired live music for the afternoon. That party was about 50 percent Spanish/ex-pat. Ten people came from Madrid, three from Jérez de la Frontera, Jamie from Portugal, Kevin and Allen from England, John and Mary from the States, and on and on it went. Of special note were three teens who had been my students in English for three years. After eating and dancing and the afternoon wore on, there suddenly was a Spanish flamenco group of 10 men and women in full costume. My Spanish friends danced 'Sevillanas.' What a wonderful and memorable time. After the party I sort of retreated for a bit. Eighty is a more emotional milestone than I had anticipated. You look back on a lot of options in the previous decades; you also look forward to the difficult decade to come. I came through that introspection just fine. Then came the virus. Of course, it has affected all of us in various ways. Gaucín is locked down and the village is silent. I can go to the ATM, to the pharmacy, and to the local food store. Today, for the first time, I had to wait outside Auxie's store (the food shop) in the cold mist and wind for more than 20 minutes; only three people are allowed in the store at a time. I sneak out every afternoon around 6:00 to feed some 12 cats next to the castle. I know that the fine would be severe, but I really haven't seen anybody as I go through the narrow Moorish streets. I know, I break the law, but. . . And that brings me up to today. During the lockdown I have been trying to catch up on all those books that you buy at rummage sales and book sales, want to read but you leave them on the bookshelves for years. Books like the biography of Leonard Cohen, Tom Wolfe's *A Man in Full*, John Strausbaugh's *The Village* (the history of Greenwich Village), and Carl Bernstein's *His Holiness* (about John Paul II). I also have to finish *A Very Stable Genius*. I still have many cats and dogs to keep me company, my piano, and two Amazon Alexas (a special birthday gift from Kevin and Allen) to enjoy. A special note to three couples of American friends who were planning to come to Gaucín late this spring. I am flattered that you wanted to do that and I was looking forward to your visits. I'm sorry that the trips are impossible now but let's talk about the fall. I would love to see all of you." • **Nora "Scotti" Wright** reports, "My latest adventure with **Judy "Boz" Bosworth Roësset** was to Spain on February 19: I spent a few days with Judy in Madrid, and then (while Judy was doing her volunteer English-speaking stint with VaughanTown in Gredos) went to Barcelona for three days and back to Madrid for five days with Marisol Maura, who is a former member of the Midd Spanish Dept. and Escuela Española. In March Judy and I were off to Andalucía by train on a tour with four others (including a guide). We started in Málaga, then on to Ronda, Cádiz (Sanlúcar de Barrameda and Santa Maria), and Seville, visiting some great wineries (it's sherry country) and exploring the cities. Great company, wonderful weather, super food and, of course, wine. I discovered I like *fino* (dry white sherry) that I never used to care for. Judy and I took the train from Seville back to Madrid on March 8, and I flew home on the 9th, the day COVID-19

closed down all the schools in Madrid, so when I got back home, my doctor told me to quarantine for 14 days, and that is what I did. The advantage of living in the Vermont countryside and having 12 acres is that at least you can get out and exercise! Al '63 and **Suzy Stevens McKibben** saved me from going hungry by dropping off groceries by my door—and waving from the driveway! During the quarantine and social distancing, I avoided doing spring cleaning in my house, which would be the obvious thing to do with all this house time on my hands, but I hate housework, so I, too, read books I have meant to read for years, did crossword puzzles, played with my indoor plants, started seeds to plant in gardens when warm weather decided to come, and had long chats with my cat. Not to mention daily indulgence in Spanish wine and when that ran out temporarily, a bit of whiskey." • **Boz** adds, "Like all of you, many of our best-laid plans went awry during the COVID-19 crisis—like a week in Sedona with the McKibbens in late March, another program with VaughanTown in Spain in April, etc., but so far we consider ourselves lucky as we are not out of work suffering financial difficulties and we are still in good health. Both **Nora** and I were a bit distressed when she returned to the States March 9 and I the 12th (after my husband was able to change my ticket from the 13th to the 12th since the crisis news was getting more and more dire and I thought I'd better get out of Spain ASAP) that on arriving in Philadelphia (Nora) and Dallas (me), there were no lines at customs control, no questions asked, nothing. No noticeable precautions taken in airports or on flights. That weekend, though, it was chaotic everywhere. The extra $900 my husband had to pay to change my flight was worth it to avoid all that mess of people desperate to get home."

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Correspondent **Janie Bachelder Johnson** reports: For the amazing Class of 1963 I have great news. Two years ago I became one of two class correspondents, replacing **Jan Brevoort Allen-Spencer** and helping **Chris White**. Eventually I figured out that instead of Chris and me doing the column together, we could alternate! That brought a quarterly commitment to just twice a year. Being a bear with very little brain, it then occurred to me that if we had two more class correspondents, then the commitment would only be once a year. So, dear classmates, I am happy to announce we have two new class correspondents and they are the amazing **Larry Ring** and incredible **Bruce Bailey**! Each of us will be in charge of the class notes column once a year. I know you will respond with great enthusiasm to any one of us! That said, my great hope for all of you is that you have weathered the dreadful pandemic so far—we are looking forward to the rest of this year with optimism. • Congratulations to all of us for our scholarship fund, which has grown tremendously and this past year provided grant aid to two students. • Nice words came from **Ken Delmar** (Stamford, Conn.), our '63 Renaissance man. He has, among other things, started and ended a film company, published several books, including *Winning Moves: The Body Language of Success,* and, in 2012, became a full-time professional artist. He continues to write and has discovered the art of self-publishing! • It was also fun to hear from **Todd Freeman** (Plymouth, Minn.), whose name is Harold—who knew? The virus impacted Todd in that it canceled autocross events in North Carolina, a Florida pickle ball tournament, and a trip to London. Naples, Fla., took down their pickle ball nets (OH NO) and the 2020 Open Championships were canceled. The closest partner he can find, age-wise, puts him in the 70–74 age group doubles. He says they will get pickled! He is really looking forward to rescheduling London, which included trout fishing in the chalk streams. He says to "take care and enjoy," which we all are hoping to do. • I had a great note from **Tick Huey** (Ellisville, Mo.) whose name is Art—I am so confused. He gave up "Tick" because he had to explain his name too often professionally. I bet not one of us thought to question his name at Middlebury! His career for the last 44 years has been his own executive search firm (Huey Enterprises). Two of his four children work for him, so he is not thinking of retiring! His wife at some point years ago was sure they would never have any grandchildren. Now they have 11! They are spread out geographically so he travels a lot from St. Louis to see them. He says life is good and please contact him if you are ever in St. Louis. • John '61 and **Koko Hart Harris** (South Bristol, Maine)—the name thing: Koko is Mary!—attended the Concourse de Elegance at Amelia Island, Fla. She says it was an antique auto fan's delight. They then participated in a Model T tour in Gainesville, Fla., which was cut short by COVID-19. Back in Maine they went into seclusion at their condo at Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley. Saddleback Mountain Ski Area has been closed for five years but the plan is to reopen in December 2020. They enjoy the sunsets, white slopes, beautiful night skies, and walking their dog, Timber. With no TV or Internet, it is difficult to realize how so many are being threatened by this dreadful virus. Their grandchildren have escaped from LA, NYC, and Philadelphia for now so they are blessed. • **Craig Stewart** (Bellevue, Wash.) reports that Seattle/Bellevue and Kirkland were hard hit with the virus. First concern was seniors and first responders. "We rallied donors to direct funding to provide EMTs, nurses, firefighters, police, etc., with food and protective gear. Our first responders are doing amazing work." • I am in constant contact with many of our class and no reported viruses to date. I'm so thankful for the love and support of family and friends. That's all for now. Best to all of you in our class and hopes for good health, **Janie**.

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Ron Reese writes, "After 77+ laps around the sun (28,260 days), my wife of 54+ years (19,798 days), **Edith Carlson Reese**, passed away peacefully at our home on the afternoon of October 28, 2019, with me and our son and daughter at her side. I met her on the freshman picnic/hike at Bread Loaf and was smitten immediately by her warm smile and sparkling big brown eyes. With cheerfulness, fortitude, and grace, Edie survived two *massive* hemorrhagic strokes about five years ago that left her confined to a wheelchair or bed, with speech limited to only a few words, and dependent on me for all her needs at home. Her mind was active to the end. Her beautiful face and *joie de vivre* were remarkably unchanged over the decades, even during this ordeal. At one time she could speak and write six languages. She earned an MA in economic geography at Johns Hopkins University, specializing in retail and industrial park location. Her early professional life entailed considerable air travel, which prompted her to be in the forefront of getting smoking banned on commercial flights. With a sagacious wit, she always had a good question ready and meticulous research skills. In her younger days, she was a fearless whitewater tandem canoeist with me, an excellent skier, and a great day hiker. Her interest in recycling and litter pickups along rivers, highways, and trails began while we were in graduate school in the 1960s and continued throughout her life. She was passionate about refugee resettlement, particularly in the Laotian community here in Roanoke, Va. Most who knew Edith never forgot her. Victor Hugo wrote in *Les Misérables* that "The best way to adore God is to love one's wife." On that basis, I must adore God since I certainly loved Edith. I was blessed with an *extraordinary* wife; I miss her profoundly." • At this writing, most of us were still in some form of quarantine. **John Vecchiolla** wrote from Fairfield County, Conn., where they were adjacent to a coronavirus hot spot. He was working with a skeleton staff and with a minimum of appointments. "Virtually everything is at a standstill. Trying to stay healthy and safe." That probably sums it up for many. • When **Jean Blanchette St. Clair** wrote they had just gotten back from a cruise to the Panama Canal and it was great! She says that they were the last ship to get back to Fort Lauderdale on March 8—scary! They then had company, and like so many of us at the time, weren't thinking about the virus—suddenly, about March 15, everything was closed, and they decided to shelter in place instead of returning to

1 After getting engaged at their 5th Reunion, Rosa Gandler '13 and Daniel Schiraldi '13 were married on August 17, 2019, in New Jersey. Many Midd Kids were there to celebrate: (all '13 unless noted) Grace Gohlke, Annie Mejaes, Melissa Shapiro, Sam Shanker, Lauren Yang, Shannon Gair, the newlyweds, Angela Santee, Annie Ulrich, Allison MacKay, Alec Cooper Woods, Adrienne Matunas, Michelle Irei '15, Sydney Fuqua, (second row) Santiago Zindel, Charlotte Steiner, Thomas Kivney, Amanda Pertierra, April Dodd, Josh Johnson, Matt Lowes '10, Hannah Stonebraker, Raffie Parke, Nathan Arnosti, Sam Sidhu '15, Leo Giglioli, Dana Callahan, Jess Poracky, Kim Kneeland, Rachel Woods '14, Laura Irei, Eric Wilson, and Matt George. 2 Ekow Edzie '10 and Krista Acosta hosted a fun and vibrant wedding on August 3, 2019, in the mountains of the Dominican Republic, where they served in the Peace Corps, with friends from the Class of 2010 attending: David Banys, Byron Rath, Nicolas Sohl, the newlyweds, Drew Waxman, and David Foote. 3 Julia Gulka '13 and Edward Jenkins were married on September 1, 2018, in Cabot, Vt., with Midd friends celebrating with them: (all '13 unless noted) Emily Duh '14, Luke Lennon '11, Marea Colombo, Avery Rain '11, the newlyweds, Sarah Minahan '14, Jessica Berry Higgins, Julianna Gardiner, and Sarah Pfander.

4 The wedding of Andra Pascu '17 and Nathan Spezia-Lindner '15 took place on June 6, 2019, in Cortona, Italy. Several Middlebury friends joined the couple in celebration: Jade Forsberg '17, Grecia De La O Abarca '17, Annabelle Spezia-Lindner '20, the newlyweds, Evelin Tóth, Zachary Strauss '15, (second row) Davin Ming Juay Chia '17, Ryan Burak '15, Duncan Levear '15, and Andrew Larson '15. Missing from photo: Paul Noah '15. 5 Middlebury alums Caroline Bartlett '19, Steve Hickey '04, Brenda Johnson Cronin '87, and Duncan Cooper '06 pose with the Vince Lombardi Trophy during an event last fall at Enel Green Power in Andover, Mass., where they work. The event was held to celebrate Enel North America becoming the official energy partner of Kraft Sports + Entertainment, and to kick-off the partnership, Enel powered the New England Patriots' home opener with clean energy through renewable energy credits generated from Enel Green Power North America's wind farms.

Connecticut as planned. They were on Marco Island in Florida, which she says was pretty dead, but safe. • **Tom Koch** says their long-planned trip to the Passion Play at Oberammergau was postponed until 2022, requiring, it would seem, some newly created jobs to sort out refunds and new arrangements! He was in the middle of sugaring season when we talked, and he and I (**Dori**) had a fun conversation as we also make maple syrup in Iowa—not the best weather for it always, though we get some each year, but Vermonters don't think of Iowa as sugaring country. He related that his parents retired to Vermont years ago, and his dad learned to make syrup good enough that he won the best of show at the state fair one year. Tom makes 20 gallons or so and says he gives it away or uses it for charity auctions—as do we, though we make much less. • **Bill Kieffer** writes, "We are hunkered down in Boston. Plans for spending early spring in the desert were squashed. I'm reading a lot, taking virtual tours of museums via *Travel and Leisure*, and learning from great individuals from Masterclass.com. One favorite online course is in history, taught by our neighbor, Doris Kearns Goodwin." Bill also sent the sad news that **Mike Mone** passed away Monday, March 30, from kidney cancer. Bill was able to have a long visit with Mike in the cancer center at MGH when he was there. The *Boston Globe* had a long obituary for Mike Mone, summarized here: Mike was a respected trial lawyer and leader in the Massachusetts legal community. He made legal history 40 years ago, winning a ruling that changed the time allowed for filing medical malpractice suits, and had served in many leadership roles, including president of the Massachusetts Bar Association and president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. A longtime partner with the firm Esdaile, Barrett, Jacobs, and Mone, Mike was considered a brilliant trial lawyer, a master strategist, but also one who saw the law as an opportunity to do good, engaging in a great deal of pro bono work. Mike was born in Brockton, Mass., in 1942, grew up in East Douglas, and graduated from Worcester Academy. At Middlebury, he became friends with Bill Delahunt '63 and Ron Brown '62 and the three formed a campus organization supporting John F. Kennedy for president. After the 1960 campaign, they drove to Burlington to meet him, Mike remembering that he looked thin and frail, his hand calloused from shaking many hands. After Middlebury, Mike graduated from Boston College Law School in 1967. In 1965 he married Margaret "Margie" Supple, whose family had spent summers on Cape Cod near Mike's family. They met as teenagers and had a wonderful marriage. She worked as a nurse, supported him through law school, and gave much of his care during his cancer. They had one son, Michael Jr., who spoke of their devotion to each other and his real friendship with his dad. He is also a lawyer and a partner in the same firm. Mike was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2015, after a tumor was misdiagnosed as benign in 2009. He settled with insurance

under the same law he helped change in 1980, not for financial gain, but to make sure the doctors understood the impact of a mistake on the life of a patient; however, he held no harsh feelings for the doctors as he realized "very good people make mistakes." He will be very much missed in the legal community, and also by many friends. Bill Delahunt commented, "There is an incredible void in my life now; my heart is heavy." Many will feel the same.

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Attention! Mark your calendars for the celebration ahead. The Class of '65 will have our 55th Reunion after all. Despite the glitch in our plans for this summer, it is now scheduled for June 18–20, 2021. • We, your class correspondents, received a nice letter from one of the two recipients of our '65 Scholarship Fund. A senior religion and history major, he finished his thesis just prior to the COVID-19 shutdown. "I never once envisioned that I would complete something so daunting and monumental," he wrote. "Yet I look at it and read it with great pride. Without your help, I never would have accomplished this feat." He hopes to share his knowledge one day with students of his own. • This fall 750 students are entering the College as members of the Class of 2024 to include 110 Febs. They hail from 44 states, D.C., and from 54 nations. Fifteen percent are "first-generation" students, a prime interest of our class. • **Ted Morse** sent a note: "When we retired in 2008, I had served as headmaster of the Antilles School in St. Thomas, and **Nancy** (**Adams**) was a programmer for a computer company in Charlotte Amalie. We have been living in Warren, Conn., where I have served as president of the Warren Land Trust and Nancy has been vice president of the Kent Singers—we're hopeful that the virus will pass so this wonderful singing group will be able to perform in the near future." • **J. Lewis Stackpole II** died in April and **Fred Stetson** was kind enough to write the following tribute: "J. Lew's son, Tim, sent me this message: 'For the last few years his health had been in a slow and steady decline, the hard miles on his body showing themselves, even after he miraculously survived bone marrow transplant in 1995.' After graduating from Saint George's School in Rhode Island, he enrolled at Middlebury, where he played on the freshman hockey team and was a strong recreational cross-country skier and an alpine skiing instructor at the Snow Bowl. He transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a BA (1965) and a master's from the Honors Design Program (1967). J. Lew had a keen interest in architecture and art, and he worked on projects in Montana, Alaska, Colorado, and China. Tim wrote, 'Dad was larger than life and brought a sense of adventure and romanticism to everything he did. His passion for architecture was unparalleled. From my first memories to the last months of his life, he was always drawing. Reams of paper and napkins found their way to his pen. His legacy was not only in the buildings he designed but in the drawings that saturated the walls of his home, office, and countless sketch books.'" • We also lost **George "Terry" Theriault** in April. Born in Hanover, N.H., he attended the American University in Paris before transferring to Middlebury. "Admissions assumed I would major in French or other languages," Terry wrote in our 50th yearbook. "They would have been right in that I majored in English, studies I thoroughly enjoyed." Like J. Lew, Terry was a certified ski instructor. He also was an avid parachutist, with more than 400 jumps to his credit and an accomplished folk/bluegrass musician. Terry's greatest professional accomplishment was with the New Hampshire Assoc. of the Blind in Concord, N.H., as its CEO. Involved with several nonprofit agencies helping further their philanthropic efforts, he also served on several nonprofit boards. A dedication to helping others was of utmost importance to him. • Check out a photo that includes Lora and **John Allen** on page 81.

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REUNION CLASS Classmates: Attention! Do you have your 2021 calendar yet? You will want to enter this weekend in your datebook: June 11–13, 2021. And do you know what happens that weekend? It is our 55th Reunion weekend. • Here's the scoop from **Joan Lardner Paul**: "We're still 'Traveling Our Route 66,' but this Reunion will be less ambitious than our 50th: we'll focus on being together, reminiscing, and exploring the present with a panel discussion, a '66 memorial, reception, and dinner, as well as a women's conversation. Your suggestions are important, your encouragement of friends' attendance is essential, and your help is most welcome. So far, **Prue Frey Heikkinen**, **Mart Matthews**, and **Dow Davis** have joined me for the planning phase." • **Tom Bullard** reports that he's still head of MFA stage directing at Brooklyn College, CUNY, where he's been a professor full time since 1991. "We have a wonderful, collegial department that I love being part of, and my program is just one of a handful in New York City that offer graduate directing degrees, so it attracts great students." Tom goes on to say, "Prior to this and until my wife and brilliant sculptor, Susan Smyly, died in 2009, I was active directing plays here in New York and theaters around the country, having helped launch and run the Manhattan Theatre Club in the '70s after graduating from Yale School of Drama in 1969. I'm dedicated to the single life now and travel a lot to the Boston area where my older sister and her son's family live. I also go to London frequently to see the theater scene there. I am in frequent touch with my first wife and classmate, **Sukey Hepp Janes**, and classmate **Andrew Marks**, who lives in Cornwall, Vt." • You'll see on our class Facebook page that **Bill Burke** has shared a couple of photos with us. He writes, "In spite of having retired from competitive photography a number of years ago, I was just in a two-person show at Fordham University and had a book published a year or so ago. *They Shall Take Up Serpents* combines a few pictures I made in the '70s of coal country, coal miners, and snake-handling Christians." Bill reports that he has pretty much finished photographing in Asia but has been taking annual van trips with his current dog through coal country in Kentucky and West Virginia and as far west as Wyoming, New Mexico, Oregon, and Idaho. Bill is in regular touch with Bob Hower '68 and Stephen Salley '68 and had lunch last summer with John Lord '67 and **Dick Wien**. "An exciting surprise happened last spring when the Boston MFA was talking about buying a number of my pictures—I found that the photo curator I was talking with, Anne Havinga, is also a Midd alum, Class of 1980." Bill is still teaching analog photography at the Museum School in Boston, which has been taken over by Tufts University in the past few years. Says Bill, "Tufts can be thanked for keeping the place afloat, but the school has been losing its beloved funk and getting more literate!" • Reporting in from Florida, **Dianne Watson Carter** tells us, "We continue to love shoveling sunshine in Florida and are sharply reminded of that every time we return to Massachusetts for Christmas with our kids and grands—brrrrr! I'm still doing Feather Your Nest, helping clients create a home that sings to their heart! I'm also very busy as president of the Villages Home Decorating Club—765 happy, enthusiastic members who are wonderfully appreciative of our monthly fun and rewarding programs!" Several surgeries have taken Dianne off the pickle ball court, dance floor, and golf course, but she doesn't know how she used to fit those into her days anyway. The Carters keep up most with Francis '65 and **Lorrie Barstow Love** and enjoy visiting their beautiful and idyllic homes in New Hampshire and Maine when they can tear themselves away from home in Florida. • We received the sad new that three of our classmates had died since our previous column: **Judith Rasmussen Brown** of Rochester, N.Y.; **Ken Kirchhofer** of the Tuscany-Canterbury neighborhood in Baltimore, Md.; and **Bill Ormsbee** of Ballston Lake, N.Y. Judith, who died in December, attended Utica College after Middlebury and earned a master's degree from Syracuse University. She taught high school social studies in Camden, N.Y. She is survived by her husband, Jerome, and by their five children and 10 grandchildren. Ken also devoted his life to education, teaching history as well as French and German. He died in early January. After earning his degree in political science and international relations at Middlebury, with minors in French and German,

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Ken earned a master's degree in 1974 in international relations from the University of Delaware. According to the *Baltimore Sun*, Ken began his teaching career at Moorestown Friends in Moorestown, N.J. He later joined the faculty of the Moravian Academy in Bethlehem, Pa., where he taught until 1991 when he began teaching at the West Nottingham Academy in Colora, Md. From 1996 to 2000, he taught at Trinity Preparatory School in Winter Park, Fla., when he returned to teach at Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School in Pikesville, Md. In 2002, he began teaching at Loyola Blakefield in Towson, Md., and, in 2006, began driving for the Garrison Forest School Health Center. He retired in 2013. In 1991, Ken married Elena Michelson, a Shepherd Pratt social worker, and the couple enjoyed traveling to France, Italy, Sicily, Germany, Ireland, and Canada. He was an active member of the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church. We have yet to find information about Bill Ormsbee's life. We welcome any memories classmates may have.
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Your correspondent **Susie Davis Patterson** is hunkered down in safety and health as of this writing, and wishing the same for all our classmates. This is the first time in my life I have been labeled—and am beginning to accept the feelings that go with the label—a vulnerable elder. Having just missed WWII ourselves, if not its effects and influences on our original families, we are truly now experiencing a defining and life-changing world event. More than ever, we need to know how long-ago friends and mates are managing, and to share thoughts and good wishes among us. Please let your correspondents hear from you, in whatever communication form works best for you. Our email addresses are at the bottom of this column. Let us know what we can share going forward, and if we can help in finding people who were important to you for the last 57 years. Sharing our coronavirus stories with each other might help us feel less isolated during what looks to be "The Long Year of 2020." • The Wof67 Ski Adventure Group enjoyed another winter ski-athon at Sugarbush in Warren, Vt., just days before the coronavirus response went into high gear. The ski area closed for the season just three days after our gathering. Our skiing has improved so much over four years of lessons and practice together, that some of us are considering trying out for the Senior Olympics! Enjoying both snow-time and friend-time together this year were **Patty Ramsey**, **Freddie Mahlmann**, **Susie Davis Patterson**, **Clare Tweedy McMorris**, **Karen Unsworth**, **Carol Colleen Little**, and **Margot Childs Cheel**. We all departed well fed, exercised, healthy, and happy, just hours before our lives were to change dramatically.
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Bob Friedman writes, "After partially retiring from my 34-year internal medicine practice in Massachusetts, I have had quite a few jobs. I did some hospice work, then was a Medicare reviewer and made about 800 house calls, something I also did in my practice. Then I became a jail doctor and spent 16 months in the Plymouth County Correctional Facility. I got along well with the prisoners and staff, but not so well with the administration; we did not see eye to eye on the care of the prisoners. After giving my notice there, I walked into a local psychiatric hospital and got a job involving medical care of the patients. I also began to learn about addiction medicine and started working in one of their substance use disorder clinics. Unfortunately, the hospital closed but the clinic is very busy and I work there one-and-a-half days per week. I feel this is very important work and most of our patients are doing well and are putting their lives back together. Cycling has always been a passion and I still ride for the Pan Mass Challenge, a two-day, 190-mile bicycle ride across Massachusetts ending in Provincetown, which went virtual this year. We raised $63 million for the Dana Farber Cancer Center last year, and in my 19 years, I have raised over $374,000 and hope to reach $400,000 this year. My wife, Donna, and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this summer—remarkable that she has put up with me all these years. We both think it's a good idea that I am still working." • **Bob Flaws** (a.k.a. Lama Pema Chophel) sent word that in February and March, he and his wife (Honora Lee Wolfe) went on a pilgrimage to the main holy places of Mahayana Buddhism. This included Bodhgaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Lumbini, Shravasti, and Kapilavastu, all in northern India and southern Nepal. "Then we went to Boudha in Kathmandu, Nepal, and did a three-day pilgrimage to Maratika, a very holy site associated with Guru Padmasambhava. We figured that, at our age, this was the last time we would probably be able to do this. My wife and I are both Tibetan Buddhists (me, 50 years) and I am a Nyingmapa Lama. So this was a very, very important trip for us. Now I am back to my full-time home-retreat Buddhist practice at the Boulder Valley Ngakpa House in Lafayette, Colo." • According to **Stephen Orndorf**, life in the Napa Valley continues to be great, though an upcoming knee replacement and unusual local drought conditions prevented him from his usual long winter hikes looking for mushrooms to photograph and harvest. He finds that as president of the Napa County Office of Education, the COVID-19 crisis is of concern. Steve has stayed in touch with **John Kirby** and J. T. Fey '70. Steve took yet another fishing trip to the jungles of South America, this time in Guyana. He recently published *Jungle Fishing Misadventures 1974 to 2019* (available on Amazon), a book that covers around 20 trips to remote jungle areas in eight countries over a 45-year period. A myriad of bizarre experiences occurred over those 45 years, most notable of which was being briefly held for ransom in 1995 by a tribe of Kayapo Indians on the Xingu River in Brazil. Steve's wife, Linda, and he would welcome visitors to the Napa Valley. His email is sorndorf@gmail.com. • **Barbara Ensminger Stoebenau** sent a suggestion for something useful to do while stuck at home. She writes, "Are you sitting home feeling useless (or just bored) because everything you were doing away from home is now shut down? Please consider joining Learning Ally to help provide audiobooks to students with print difficulties, which you do from your home computer. The books range from preschool level, through elementary and secondary school texts and literature, foreign language texts and literature, to graduate-level texts in all subject areas. After a little online training, you pick the books you want to work on in your area(s) of expertise and what part of the process you want to undertake. There are lots of different roles. Go to learningally.org and look for volunteer opportunities under Get Involved." Barbara says she has been working on these books for over 15 years and still finds it extremely fulfilling. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara at bstoebs@aol.com. • **Dan Curry** writes, "Just before the virus hit, we had a pleasant visit by **Greg Dickenson**, who was in LA to attend a forensics conference. He was on his way to visit **Dan Eiben** in Seattle, taking the coast train for a couple of days. It was great to have a chance to catch up." Dan has finally finished a book commissioned by CBS, available on Amazon on September 1. The title, *Star Trek: The Artistry of Dan Curry*, is the publisher's, not Dan's. The book covers out-of-the-box thinking, effects before computer-generated imagery (CGI), the evolution of VFX technology from film to CGI, lots of special illustrations, anecdotes, comments from cast and crew, martial arts and weapons, storyboards, and conceptual design. • Sadly, **Bill McCollom** died on June 29 from heart failure. **Terry Morse** sent this tribute of Bill: "When I first met Bill I had just turned 14. It was a crisp September morning and one of the first things he said to me was that with my long skinny legs, I reminded him of a grasshopper. And so began a lifelong friendship that was to be shared with Bill and with Dan Redmond '69 as we bonded in the early years we spent at Holderness School on our way to Middlebury. There are only a few times in life that we are privileged to truly share the complete energy with another on the friendship path. Bill had the capacity to draw others to him in a unique nonjudgmental way with his humor, insight, and wisdom. He touched the lives of so many of us in his four years at Middlebury, in the many venues

we all shared there: the classroom, Hepburn Hall, the Snow Bowl, Proctor Hall, Sig Ep, the Alibi, the athletic fields, and on and on. In all his environments, he let his humor and his wisdom carry us to a more gentle place where we could shed our own ego and take a look at the crazy happiness life can offer if we will but share ourselves with those we stumble across on our path. Bill shared his spirit like few others I have ever met and I will always admire him for all the serious fun and laughter he brought to so many of us. It has been a privilege to have called him a friend." • We hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe. We also hope that by the time you read this, the worst of the pandemic will be over and lives will be starting to return to normal. Please do stay in touch with your classmates, care for one another, and send us notes about how your lives are going. • And please note Tobi's new address!

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Howie Richmond reports he is no longer in his retirement cattle business. (He focused on Wildwood Cattle after retiring from his law career in western Washington.) He still has 150 acres in corn, boards horses, and rents land to Hmong flower growers.

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Bonnie Williams Flahive and **Jeff Sturges** (our Reunion co-chairs) sent this update on Reunion plans: "Although the 50th Reunion this past June was canceled, your 50th Reunion Planning Committee has not stopped planning! We will be having our 50th next June 17–20 so stay tuned for more information!" (To contact Bonnie or Jeff: bronwen.flahive@comcast.net or jrsturges@comcast.net.) • On January 31, **Jeff Sturges** retired from Resolute Racing Shells. Jeff started his career with Resolute as president and CEO in 2010 and led the business through several prosperous years, helping to define the company culture and brand. Jeff said, "It has been one of my life's true joys to have had the honor to guide Resolute for the last decade. So many of my customers have also become my very good friends. It's great to see Resolute become a meaningful part of the greater Rowers Choice organization." • **Connie Brittain Bouchard** writes, "Our big news is that we took a 'trip of a lifetime' at the beginning of March, a week on a National Geographic cruise of the Galápagos, where the most amazing aspect is that the birds and critters have no fear of humans (sea lions come right up to you on the beach), followed by a week bopping around the Peruvian Highlands, land of the Inca, Machu Picchu, and associated sights. It was wonderful, and it was also wonderful that we got home 24 hours before Peru closed its borders. Though it was officially a trip of a lifetime in honor of our upcoming 50th anniversary, we're thinking it was so much fun that we may want to do it again once things calm down." • **Kristie Carlson Wolferman** sent us this news: "I hope all of our classmates are well and coping with the pandemic. Like everyone else, we are enjoying our sequestered existence by reading, walking the dog, cooking, gardening, and cleaning out cupboards (but putting everything back as no one will take contributions right now). We are fine in Kansas City but worried about our children in New York and LA. One beam of sunshine for me is that the recent book I wrote on the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art has been very well received. In fact, it has been on the local best-seller list since its release in January." • **Lynn Wilson** sent this update: "My husband, Mike, and I have found a new daily pattern of exercise, chores, and editing his book. And there's a lot of cooking and baking going on, as well as closet cleaning. I'm sure that many others are doing the same kind of thing. I broke my wrist last week and used telemedicine for the first time—and got a slot at the local orthopedic practice. So now I am figuring out how to do things with one hand. I did manage to make my traditional hot cross buns for Good Friday, which took a lot longer than usual but was a lot of fun. I hope everyone is well, and stays that way!" • **Mark Guinther** shared this remembrance: "I thought maybe I'd share a story which I was planning to bore our classmates with at Reunion. I figure it's appropriate because it concerns our late classmate, **Eric Stull,** who I was saddened to hear passed away in 2011. Eric, I was interested to find out, was a small boat sailor in his youth, so we had that in common. He was a real prince of a gentleman and extremely generous. In any case, by sophomore year most of us had gotten our schedules sorted out such that our classes were all grouped in the morning. That way we could hit the slopes of the Snow Bowl in the afternoon. The only fly in this ointment was that if you rode the Snow Bowl bus up to the slopes, you would arrive with everyone else and experience the heartbreak of long lift lines, too many people, etc., etc. So, and I believe my good friend **Mac Everett** was my co-conspirator in this case, we decided that we should borrow a car, leave campus before the bus, and arrive and hit the slopes before the hordes. I think Mac approached Eric and voila, he kindly allowed us to drive his snazzy Austin Healey 3000 roadster up to the Snow Bowl. For those of you who may not remember the Austin Healey, known in sports car circles as 'Big Healey,' it was an English sportscar with a fair amount of power provided by a pretty heavy front mounted six-cylinder engine. Accordingly, the car had a reputation for being a little light in the rear, so if you weren't careful with the throttle, it could spin pretty easily. Eric, being a good driver, probably had a great time with it on the back roads of his native Massachusetts. But Eric's car was probably better balanced than many of its ilk, due to the presence of a monster Craftsman toolbox he kept in the trunk filled with every wrench you could think of to keep the Healey running. Anyway, on the day of our big adventure, we were a little bit delayed leaving campus but did manage to depart before the Snow Bowl bus. For some reason, I was nominated to drive because Mac's experience was limited to driving his sister's Mercury Comet. My experience was that I had helped my dad to restore (he really did most of the work, of course) a 1955 MG TF 1500 (a real fireball) and I did drive it around my hometown of scenic Escondido a bit. All went well until we got close to the Snow Bowl. The road surface was not icy but was hard packed snow and I think Eric had fitted snow tires to the rear wheels, so we had pretty good traction. At 12:00 or thereabouts, there was no traffic on the road. All was proceeding according to plan and I may have gotten comfortable and started to drive just a bit too fast when I noticed the rear of the car drifted slightly to the right. I corrected the steering and the rear end drifted slightly to the left (you know where we are going with this). I corrected again and the rear drifted a bit more to the right, then to the left, then to the right. Pretty soon, we were going sideways down the road, one side, and then the other (again, fortunately there was no oncoming traffic and we were going about 15 miles per hour) until we ended up in a snowbank. Fortunately there was no damage to the car and we were in the process of digging out when what should drive past but the Snow Bowl bus, full of classmates who probably had no idea we had been in a race with them to the slopes, and had lost! So that's my story of the great Snow Bowl bus race adventure. Of course, over the years it picked up a few embellishments but was always good for a few laughs on Friday nights at the dorm." • **Jo Wayles** writes: "A very quiet life here. Have taken a couple of walks (while physically distancing) with friends (including one with **Chris Bigelow**! He was visiting family in Ashland, Ore.). We went to a friend's house for a drink last week (though we sat far apart, brought our own glasses, beverage, etc.). Washington, Oregon, and California are in accord to operate as a unit. Makes sense since we are tied together by a giant highway—I-5—which stretches from Mexico to Canada. I'm doing the usual sheltering-at-home activities, including whatever I can to support liberal candidates across the country." • **Al Perry** sent these thoughts: "To my '70 classmates and the Class of 2020—having studied the superb Class of '70 yearbook, I believe our Middlebury College liberal arts education proved an incredible foundation for life. In June 1970, we left our groups, circles, tribes, teams, friends, and traveled the world—or stayed in Vermont. Service and success have come in an unimaginably wide range of endeavors. As expected (and not at all expected), we have done well in business, law, medicine,

1 Jack Maher '12 and EY Shin '10 were married on June 22, 2019, at the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate in Canton, Mass. A very large Midd contingent was in attendance, including Siau Rui Goh '12, Rob Feliciano '12, Nate Brown '13, Julie Seo '12, the newlyweds, Jaimie Park '10, Ashlee Black '10, Sarah Ashby '10, Helena Treeck '12, Emma Ermotti '12, Lydia Jun '12, Karen Liu '15, (second row) Michael Suen '11, Lanya Olmsted (Midd partner), Alisa Zhou '10, Tucker Van Aken '12, Tom Campanella '12, Adam Schaffer '12, Lisa Cheney Sullivan '86, Chris Sullivan '86, Mike Bayersdorfer '10, Chris Chan '11, Ken Chia (Midd partner), Joan Low '12, Erika Wade '12, Jake Davies (Midd partner), and Ki Chan Lee '12. 2 A group of 1980 friends and their families get together annually at Thanksgiving time: Randy Kerr (Jane's husband), Jane Ackerman '80, Rich Rayhill '80, Hilary Hauserman Rayhill with Reese and Ruby Rayhill, Tyler Durham, the late Charlie Holden '80, Lisa Jobin (Bull's wife), John "Bull" Durham with Belle Durham, Jay Moulton '80, and Erika Sweet (Jay's wife). 3 Middlebury School of Spanish alums gathered on campus last summer to celebrate an informal reunion: Scott Webster (MA '99), Kevin Drever (MA '99), Nicole Kramer Mitchell (MA '99), Jody Lekberg Stephenson '96 (MA '99), and Sam Knowles (MA '00).

4 At the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Jess Berry '13 married Lacy Higgins on July 12, 2019, with Midd friends joining in the celebration: (all '13 unless noted) Diane Martin, Chelsea Edgar, Marea Colombo, Julia Gulka, the newlyweds, Luke Lennon '11, Avery Rain '11, Sarah Minahan '14, Emily Duh '14, Sarah Pfander, and Franklin Dean-Ferrar (rugby coach). 5 A Middlebury reunion was held last summer in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., with 2001 classmates: Arvind Ponnambalam, Neha Shah (Arvind's wife), Ruth Howell, Mark Harrington, Jennie Mandeville Harrington, Lindsay Frost-Bhasin, Sam Bhasin (Lindsay's husband), Russ Miller, and Anna Miller (Russ's wife). Missing from photo: Kate Klapfish Caprari.

teaching all levels—kindergarten to university—nursing, planning, writing, agriculture, coaching, IT, photography, stone cutting, art, horse racing, military service, foreign service, music, carpentry, social work, counseling, government, human rights, politics, journalism, oxen raising, geology, investing, philanthropy, war reporting, exploration, philosophy, cosmology, chemistry, theater, and much more. Sadly, we've lost 29 classmates. Triumphantly, among us are survivors of cancer, major surgery, serious illnesses, and personal tragedy. I'm proud of our community service, annual gifts to the College, and volunteer work. Children were raised. An ever-growing number of grandchildren are doted on. To the Class of 2020—congratulations—let the adventure begin! So, now that Honor Flights are temporarily canceled, I volunteer delivering meals for the Community Food Bank." • **Kathy Wardwell Roser** writes, "I never seem to have much news, and less now, since the world is closed—just a few observations. Ski season was good (though, sadly, cut short by the shutdown). I've managed to avoid the coronaplague, so far, and am keeping busy with hikes, gardens, books, volunteer work, and political action (remotely), and preparing for the next pandemic, which, given what so many are doing in our copious spare time, will likely be cirrhosis! I hope all of our classmates are staying safe and well. Yesterday, the hummingbirds returned to my little homestead, right on schedule, from their winter sojourn in Mexico—proof that something is still right with the world!" • And from **Sue Ellen Thompson** we heard, "I've had one thought of late: how ironic—although 'symmetrical' might be a better word—it is that our final semester at Middlebury 50 years ago was disrupted by the shootings at Kent State and now, five decades later, it is our Reunion that is being disrupted by a global pandemic. Was there something about our class or our particular period in history that has made it impossible to shut the world out? The difference, I suppose, is that we *chose* not to ignore what was happening beyond our campus in 1970, while today's Middlebury seniors had no such choice. They're the ones for whom I feel the greatest sympathy."

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REUNION CLASS Our 50th Reunion is less than a year away—June 10–13, 2021. Here's some news from a few of us who are definitely planning to attend. • **Louise Boyd Cadwell** writes, "I'm planning to come to our 50th (yikes) and am looking forward to it. I have signed up to help with the yearbook committee and am looking forward to that also. Ashley '70 and I live near Middlebury in Weybridge. We returned eight years ago after living in St. Louis and working in schools there for 20 years. We love living in Vermont and near classmates, including **Churchill Franklin**, **Ann Einsiedler Crumb**, **Abi Procter Sessions**, **John Baker**, **Laurie Miner Cox**,

Julia Alvarez, and others, and many other Midd grads. We have two sons, one in Boston and one in Brooklyn, and three grandchildren whom we adore. We are still working under Cadwell Collaborative with schools in curriculum development and school design. We'll keep it up as long as people continue to hire us. All best wishes to all of my classmates and looking forward to reconnecting at our big Reunion!" • Martha McCravey says, "We are definitely coming to the 50th. Alan (Wood) and I have retired to Jackson Hole, our piece of heaven. We picked a place where Alan can ski and all our children will visit. So far the strategy is working! All four of our children are Midd grads, so it makes donating easy—only one big check. We have a two-bedroom guest house that we welcome visitors to use. The only cost is contributing to the wine cellar. Hope to see lots of classmates at Reunion. Midd is such a special place." • Gail Stevenson reports, "I have been retired for a few years from a long career in international education, most recently as executive director of the Vermont Council on World Affairs and with the Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce, promoting Vermont as a destination for Québec businesses that wish to set up a presence in the United States. I retired from that in May 2019, enjoyed a lovely summer in Vermont and elsewhere (I have lived in South Burlington for 20 years), and then took a job as a field manager with the 2020 Census. It started in December, took a two-month COVID pause, and is now up and running again. The work is interesting, much more intense than expected, and a welcome focus in these quarantine months, so I appear to be unretired for a while. I plan to come to our 50th (how did we get to 50?!) and have signed up for the yearbook committee. I am very much looking forward to it!" • Brian Iggulden writes, "I spent a fun day in January at a buddies golf gathering in Palm Beach, Fla., with Churchill Franklin, Goose Nichols, and Bob Israel. Rosemary and I now winter in Florida to be close to our son and his family. They settled there after Mike left a 12-year professional hockey career that took him (and us) to NHL and AHL games as well as Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Germany. We enjoy the best of two worlds by living the rest of the year in Niagara, Ontario, near our daughter Natalie and her family. We love each of our four grandchildren and feel blessed. I retired almost 10 years ago after a 30-year career at my other alma mater, Ridley College, finishing my career as deputy headmaster. I look forward to seeing my roomies, DU brothers, and other classmates at the 50th." • Julia Alvarez reports, "I have three little pieces of good news—we all need more of that these days: I had two new books published this spring, an adult novel, *Afterlife*, and a picture book, *Already a Butterfly: A Meditation Story*. Because of the pandemic, the book tours were canceled, but my publisher put me on what seems like an endless digital book tour, so I've been busier than ever. I'm grateful to have a way to share these new books with readers. The best news of all is my granddaughter, Naomi Gordon, will enter Middlebury this fall, Class of 2024! I love that now she will also be a part of my Middlebury family." • Another author in our class, Bruce Freeman, reports, "I am writing for the first time since graduation. After 40 years as a lawyer, mostly in New Jersey, I decided to try to reinvent myself as a writer—a much bigger task than I had any inkling about. Had no idea what I was in for. I have published (through Archway, indie subsidiary of Simon & Schuster) a novel: *The Great Mr. Lloyd*. Available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, as well as Archway. Took three-plus years. Harder than practicing law, yet somehow enticing. Thanks for doing the class notes. I always read it." • Some of you may have heard that Churchill Franklin retired at the end of last year after a 34-year career at Acadian Asset Management, serving most recently as executive vice president and COO. Recounting the firm's early days, Churchill remembers starting as an agent in 1986, when he was hired to raise funds and implement a small-cap, quantitative investment strategy. "I cold-called all of the largest institutional funds, trying hard to get meetings. I relied heavily on the Money Market Directory, which was only available in hard copy at the time. There was the huge six-inch thick edition and the compact 3x5 half-inch thick pocket edition, which had names and phone numbers of the largest plans. No email. It took us 18 months to get our first client, Bell Atlantic. If they had not hired us, we would not be here today. We grew very fast after that, and today Acadian is a major firm with over 350 employees and offices in London, Sydney, Singapore, and Tokyo in addition to its main office in Boston. I'm excited to watch the company's progress to its next phase of evolution." Churchill is, of course, a 50th Reunion co-chair (along with Ann Crumb), so we can be sure he'll be on hand for our big gathering. • We are sorry to report three deaths among our classmates. Carolyn Kroll Reidy, who had been chief executive of Simon & Schuster since 2008, died of a heart attack on May 12. Carolyn led the publishing house, one of the Big Five, through a deep recession and a digital revolution. Under her leadership, Simon & Schuster published a broad range of successful and influential writers, many of whom she championed, including Pulitzer Prize winners like Doris Kearns Goodwin and David W. Blight, best-selling novelists like Stephen King and Jennifer Weiner, public figures like Hillary Clinton, and children's and young-adult writers like Jason Reynolds. Carolyn began her career at Random House in 1974, in the subsidiary rights department. She later worked for William Morrow and Avon Books before landing at Simon & Schuster in 1992, first as president of the trade division and then as head of adult publishing. As CEO of the company, she was known as a tough but generous leader and a strong advocate for her people. Carolyn delivered a keynote address at our 45th Reunion; we remember her with gratitude and admiration. • Just recently, we learned of the death of Glenn Krug, who died unexpectedly on June 26, 2012, in Peoria, Ill., after suffering a cardiac arrest. After graduating from Middlebury, Glenn attended the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Doctor's Hospital in obstetrics. He practiced in Davenport, Iowa, for many years and retired to Rock Island, Ill. We also learned that John Eckart died on January 26.

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Jeff Beach sent this note: "East central Nebraska is not how most would picture Nebraska to be. We retired to a small valley north of Omaha with a small cluster of neighbors on reasonably large well-treed lots on a cul-de-sac. We do get the heat and the cold and much of the winds, but it is very peaceful and safe and neighbors look out for each other without being intrusive. Our retired greyhounds made the trip out here with us and are still thriving, thankfully. Annette works in genetic research at UNMC, and I relax by restoring and modifying cars. Some of us never grow up." • Sadly, we learned that Margaret "Peg" Hall passed away in May 2018 at her home at Cedar Mountain, Brevard, N.C. She loved playing banjo with her old-time music group, "The Bold Grey Mares." She was a supporter of equine assisted coaching, which honors the special connection horses have with humans. Dear to her heart were her own horse, Julip, and her two rescue poodles. She believed in social justice and spirituality. Friends remember her inner strength and wonderful smile even in the midst of illness. • Check out a photo of Ingrid Stanlis on page 81!

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As we prepare this column in April, we are all living the life of uncertainty that is the coronavirus. And despite the serious concerns for illness, economic instability, isolation, and anxiety, we bet that thoughts of family and friends bring comfort and support. You're probably reaching out to those members of your inner world as well as to your community and the world beyond. On our '73 class Facebook page, we are introducing a conversation for sharing thoughts and ideas. Please visit! • And what could be more appropriate than having classmates who still live in Middlebury offer their updates. Carolyn Leggett Perine writes, "Forty-seven years ago, in 1973, I graduated from Middlebury one weekend, married Ken Perine the next weekend, then he graduated the third weekend, and I started my lifelong Middlebury Admissions Office career that next Monday morning. Life hasn't slowed down one bit since then. Between

1976 and 1980, we had four children, including surprise twins. Two are now raising six grandchildren in Middlebury, the other two in the Boston area with six more grandkids. Middlebury in the '70s, while not the ride the '60s had been, was still challenging. Coeducation was going into high gear and since we were 100 years into it, we had a noteworthy advantage. Academically we were bringing in great faculty and were building new facilities but our admissions pool still had a regional orientation. Staff traveled to more urban areas and to states far removed from Vermont. The Alumni Admissions Program (AAP) began, including alumni in our admissions efforts, which continues to flourish today. Finally, a considerably larger financial aid budget helped to reinforce all of our efforts. Applications increased and rarely has a year gone by without an increase. **Bert Phinney**, an MUHS classmate and fellow '73er, and I spent more than 35 years together at Emma Willard. I retired in 2011. The Middlebury of today, while still retaining its essential qualities that were so important to us, is a far more complex institution with a wealth of opportunities for its current students. Ken spent his first three years after graduation working for the College. He ran the college's physical education classes for cross-country skiing and was codesigner of the lighted three-kilometer cross-country trail around the golf course. He also ran the cross-country ski area at Bread Loaf and designed new trails there. In 1978, he left the professional ski world and transitioned into the world of banking, where he spent 24 years as president at the National Bank of Middlebury. He retired in 2016. In retirement, we both spend a lot of time with our grandchildren. Daughter Kate Perine Livesay '03 is Middlebury's women's lacrosse coach, so spring is especially busy. I've turned a lifelong hobby of picture taking into an effort to organize and archive and then share these photos. Ken spends the year on hiking/skiing trails. We also enjoy traveling to areas near and far and golf when we can fit it in. And now, summers find us on Lake Dunmore with our newest project—a family compound with both old construction to renovate and never-ending new construction to complete. We both look forward to seeing classmates at our 50th Reunion." • **Johana "Jody" Kashiwa Brakeley** shares, "Following graduation, I attended medical school at SUNY Upstate, Syracuse. I married Peter Brakeley '75 following his graduation. By June 1980, pediatric residency (Upstate in Syracuse and UVM Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.) was completed and less than two weeks later we had our first baby (August Kashiwa Brakeley). One month later I started practicing general pediatrics in Middlebury within walking distance of our home and everything else in town. Two more children, Rebecca and Harlan Peter, followed in rapid succession. When I review my CV of 24 years in primary care, I am reminded of when I developed expertise in asthma (American Lung Association 'Asthma Saturdays'), media literacy, puberty and adolescence, and school health. For almost three decades, I was medical consultant to local schools; for several years I worked as the camp doc at Keewaydin/Songadeewin summer camps. I participated in the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program to develop office-based systems regarding Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Perhaps most importantly of all, I was able to collaborate with many sectors of the Middlebury community, which set the stage for times to come. In 2004, after 24 years of private pediatric practice, having accrued too much vacation time, I took a sabbatical and became board certified in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP). Then, in 2005, I opened my own, solo, private practice of DBP in our home at 5 South Street (between SLUG and the Middlebury College president's home). Concurrently, I became a staff physician for the Vermont Health Department, Child Development Clinic (CDC), where we specialized in children who had developmental differences. Questions about autism, ADHD, learning issues, and many other conditions that manifest with behavioral challenges were all part of our clinic schedule. During this life segment, I became increasingly interested in how brains develop, the effects of early childhood adversity on brain and body development early on and long into adulthood, various kinds of stress, and mindfulness practices especially for children. I finished my tenure at the CDC in 2019 and found myself on yet another path. In the past couple of months, just before the COVID-19 pandemic, I decided it was time to try retirement. I have closed my private practice, and though I am still very busy, I no longer receive a paycheck. Instead, Peter and I help care for two of our grandchildren whose parents live nearby and work at the College—Gussy coaches football and men's lacrosse, and Megan (Osterhout) '06 is the food and garden educator at the Knoll. Our other two grandbabies live in Maine, where Rebecca is a pediatric hospitalist at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. Harley and his wife live in Franktown, Colo.; no children yet. My most current project is the Early Care and Learning Partnership (ECLP) here in Addison County. ECLP is a small nonprofit focused on doing everything we can to ensure that all children and families who want/need it have access to high quality, affordable, flexible early care and learning opportunities (child care). Our projects range from starting a cross disciplinary master's degree program, including, but not limited to, early childhood education, higher education, social services, health care, and the business sector, to research programs that will help us learn what families really want/need to become strong, joy-filled, and resilient and to experience less stress (parents and children alike). Since I started writing this missive, the COVID-19 pandemic has emerged. While we are bracing for the worst, I am focusing on the silver lining. Everywhere I see people helping people; contributing whatever their talents, skill sets, or personal fortunes allow. Families are sharing meals together and reading, singing, playing and just being with each other. I appreciate the fresh Vermont air and am grateful for opportunities to go out for walks. I observe folks on the street who, even when social distancing, stop to chat. The communities in which I dwell connect with smiles and eye contact; warmth and optimism. My mantra has become social distancing, social connectedness, social solidarity." • As you see, so much has happened in our lives. Let's all get ready for the 50th Reunion in 2023 and take the opportunity now to share these life stories!

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Anita Rosencrantz writes, "Four years ago, my husband, Bob Tutwiler, and I bought land in Kirby, Vt., and had a small (and warm) house built. In July 2018 we sold our house in South Berwick, Maine, closed down Shoals Marine Canvas and Interiors, and moved to Kirby full time. We are near Burke Mountain and Kingdom Trails and have been totally enjoying living in the Northeast Kingdom—skiing Burke and our backyard woods in the winter and biking Kingdom Trails and our dirt roads in the summer. We haven't totally given up sailing and are keeping a small boat on Lake Memphremagog and I am still working (very) part time sewing canvas for the local lake boats and repairing ski gear for Burke Mountain Academy!" • **Ann Williams Jackson** also checked in and writes, "Two of my three children, Sam '05 and Lucy '12 Jackson, went to Middlebury. They loved it. My middle child, Nick, recently finished his PhD in psychology and is in private practice in Brooklyn. Lucy and Sam both live in NYC and Sam and his wife, Char, recently had my first grandchild, Georgia Jackson. I live in Hobe Sound, Fla., and Montana. My husband, Ken Wilson, and I are involved with the Hospital for Special Surgery (we just opened a new one in Palm Beach), conservation organizations in Florida and Montana, and a local childcare facility in Hobe Sound." • Check out a mini-reunion photo on page 78!

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Richard Eldridge has retired from Swarthmore College after 38 years of teaching there. He and wife Joan Vandegrift '76 have moved to Knoxville, Tenn., to be near their daughter, son-in-law, and two-year-old granddaughter. Richard will teach as a lecturer at the Univ. of Tennessee, and Joan continues to work as the manuscript editor for *Isis*. • **Caroline Sneath McBride** writes, "Big events in my life—I recently retired for real from Forum Partners. It was a good 17-year run, though about a three-year process of extricating myself! And my third grandchild (a girl) arrived—born to Lindsay McBride Berg '09 and her husband, Brody."

• **Rick Hill** retired from his editorial positions at the American Hospital Association last August after 32 years of service to the healthcare field. He and his wife, Candace, took their first European trip to celebrate, where they visited Mainz during the 60th anniversary of Midd's German program. • I would like to encourage the participation of classmates in our class virtual book group discussion, which will take place Homecoming weekend, Sept. 25–27. We're reading the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *The Overstory,* by Richard Powers. It's richly endorsed by Barbara Kingsolver, Bill McKibben, Michael Pollan, and Geraldine Brooks. Following the success of our virtual Moth Hour over what would have been our 45th Reunion weekend, many of us expressed a strong desire to "get together" again soon. So voila! More details on how to join in will be forthcoming, most likely on our class Facebook page. • Check out a photo of **Karen McIntyre Jarvis** on page 81!
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REUNION CLASS We received news that **David Hartshorn** is a practicing trial attorney in Burlington, Conn. He recently published his first novel, *More Than Halfway There*. His main character, Jake, has lessons to learn from those around him after returning to his boyhood home. David recently gave an author's talk at the Storyteller's Cottage in Simsbury, Conn. The book is available online, and according to one review, "It stimulated hours of reflection on my own life growing up in rural New Hampshire, my youth, my friendships, and dealing

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

The State University of New York at Fredonia recently announced that **Ann Siegle Drege** (MA '90) has received a 2020 President's Award for Excellence in the teaching and learning category. She is an associate professor in the Dept. of English and the English Adolescence Education program coordinator. • **Sean Brennan** (MA '95) was recently appointed president of East Catholic High School, his alma mater. He joins the staff after serving as assistant headmaster and upper school head at Austin Preparatory School in Reading, Mass. He lives in Manchester, Conn. • In July **Trixie Sabundayo** (MA '02) became the new head of the Shady Side Academy Senior School in the Borough of Fox Chapel in Pittsburgh, Pa. Previously she was the head of the upper school at Princeton Day School in New Jersey. • Before the winter season, **Julie Schloat** (MA '07) became the head coach of the Deerfield Academy girls basketball team. She teaches senior English at Deerfield.

BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) recently announced that **Keith Green** (MA '84) had been named as the organization's chief financial officer. Before joining SHRM, he was an independent consultant providing strategic advisory services to SHRM's business. He has also held executive positions at various corporate organizations, including Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, and Freddie Mac.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

At *La Voce di New York*, **Emmelina Defeo** (MA '98) is the NYC special assignments writer for business, culture, and health. She recently graduated from Fordham University's global executive MBA program. • **Julianne Miller** (MA '06) married Lindsay Murphy in a small ceremony on May 7 at Ojibway House, a park on an island in the Saginaw River in Michigan. She is the assistant director of cultural programs in Italy at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. • **Kolina Cicero** (MA '10) recently published a children's book called *Rosie and the Hobby Farm*. It's a story celebrating diversity and each individual's unique value, told through a variety of new animal friends who arrive at the farm each season. Rosie learns a lot from them, especially how we take care of each other.

SCHOOL OF JAPANESE

Tobias Maxwell ('85) has published his fourth novel, *The Month after September*, a love story set against the Canadian crisis in October 1970 when members of the Front de libération du Québec kidnapped the provincial deputy premier Pierre Laporte and British diplomat James Cross.

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

As the president and CEO of Golden Pacific Bank in Sacramento, Calif., **Virginia Varela** (MBA '83) is just one of the 4 percent of women who hold the top C-suite title in the field of banking. She's held top positions at several banks and under her leadership, Golden Pacific has enjoyed consistent profits. But times haven't always been easy—over the course of her career, she has had to deal with multiple financial crises, including the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and 1990s, the dot-com bust of the early 2000s, and the Great Recession. The shifting economy is always a challenge. But she feels she has had a wonderful career, overall, and has accomplishments she can be proud of. • In December, **Kyle McWilliam-Lopez** (MAIPS '11) was named the executive director of the Northeast Massachusetts chapter of the American Red Cross, where he oversees the operations of an organization that serves 1.2 million people in Middlesex and Essex counties. The mission, he says, is to alleviate human suffering in times of emergency by providing a wide range of services. The close connection the Red Cross has to the people is what appealed to him most about the organization. Public service was instilled in him from an early age and during college he volunteered with Americorps. After college, he joined the Peace Corps, serving in Bolivia and teaching both English and advanced beekeeping skills to the local residents. Although he grew up in California, he and his wife, who is a native of Gloucester, Mass., had been looking for an opportunity to move to the Northeast. • Sadly, we learned that **Gilburt Loescher** (MA Political Science '69) died April 28 of heart failure. An emeritus professor of political science at the Univ. of Notre Dame, he was the only survivor of the suicide bombing of Baghdad's Canal Hotel, where the UN was headquartered, on August 19, 2003. With 22 dead, he was buried in the rubble and it took rescuers four hours to extract him, amputating his legs in the process. After several surgeries, he made a remarkable recovery and continued his important international work on refugee and humanitarian issues, which had taken him to Baghdad on that fateful day.

SCHOOL OF SPANISH

Maria Caracuel (MA '01) was recently awarded the 2019–20 Global Engagement Initiative Award by the American Council of Teaching of Foreign Languages for initiating a program, called the U.S./Spain Global Wellness Program, between students at Weston High School in Connecticut and secondary students at IES Pedro de Mariana in Talavera de la Reina in Toledo, Spain. The goals of the program are for students from both cultures to explore the wellness habits of students from each culture, raise awareness of unhealthy habits that may be affecting the health and well-being of teenagers in local and global communities, and to discuss ways that communities can help their citizens enjoy a healthier lifestyle. Teachers from Connecticut and Spain coteach the program and lead a virtual classroom to facilitate global engagement for their students. The activities encourage students from both countries to use the target language to investigate products and practices to better understand cultural perspectives and to interact with each other while learning about a global issue. Maria accepted the recognition on behalf of Weston High School in Weston, Conn., in Washington, D.C., on November 22, 2019. Maria can be contacted at mcaracuel01@gmail.com. • John Knipe (MA '16), an assistant professor of English and Spanish at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C., was recently awarded a Fullerton Foundation Teaching Award. The criteria for the award include effectiveness in teaching; scholarly activities; participation in Limestone's academic program; continuing improvement of personal education; assistance to students; and community service. • Check out a photo of a Spanish mini-reunion on page 74!

1 Amy Schumer '11 and Christopher Meserve were married August 3, 2019, at Tourterelle in New Haven, Vt., surrounded by Middlebury faculty, staff, and alums: Amy Emerson (former staff), Eric Davis (professor emeritus, political science), Paige Keren '12, the bride, Shannon Engelman '11, Peter Schumer (professor, math), Randy Landgren (professor emeritus, biology), Cathy Sontum, Steve Sontum (professor emeritus, chemistry and biochemistry), Tiernan Meyer '11, (second row) Bill Peterson (professor, math), Judy Olinick (staff), Mike Olinick (professor, math), John Emerson (professor emeritus, math), Angelo Fu '10, and Susan Gatwood Landgren '82. 2 Classmates from 1974 and friends held a mini-reunion at the home of Charlie Jackson in Shoreham, Vt.: (all '74 unless noted) Andy Jackson, Tom Rich, Charlie, Dave Minot, Joan Morosani (Midd spouse), (second row) Brendan Buckley '73, Tim Etchells, Betsy Mitchell Etchells '75, Michaela Pontoppidan Granstrom, Kris Hardy Kenlan, Barry Schultz King, Jane McGill Cooke, Joan Lapham, John "Muddy" Waters, Jane Ellison (Midd spouse), David Parker, John Morosani, Marjorie Minot (Midd spouse), Tim Katzman, (third row) Art Ellison, Larry Perlman, Bob Bruder, Bobbie Burchenal Landers, Sue Hill Leiter '75, Chris Granstrom, and Kevin Kenlan '73.

3 On May 25, 2019, Christine Skeffington '15.5 and Craig Thompson '13.5 were married at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, Vt. Many Midd alums were part of the wedding party: Courtney Jipner, Sayre Weir '15, Megan Rockwell, Laura Nelson '15.5, Olivia Allen '15, Charlotte Fairless '15.5, Stephanie Fournier, the newlyweds, Ben Seiler, Andrew White, Paul Soulos, Gerardo Zampaglione, Mattias Fitzpatrick '13, Charlie Wilson '13, and Ben Sweeney '13. Missing from photo: Damon Hatheway '13.5. 4 On August 17, 2019, Alyssa Crews '12 and Brian Lowry (Skidmore '12) were married at the Lilac Inn in Brandon, Vt. Middlebury alums who joined them in celebration included (all '12 unless noted) Robert Crews '84, Elizabeth Garry, Maria Bourdeau, Caroline Regan, the newlyweds, (second row) Stephanie Moroney '13, Laura Lowry '14, Sarah DeCamp, Elissa Goeke, Elena Laird, Rebecca Shaw, Kathryn Bostwick, Madeleine Moreau, Karina VanHouten, and Rachel Crews '15.

with my own mother's dementia. I highly recommend *More Than Halfway There*, particularly to those of us who are middle-aged. It most certainly will rejuvenate your outlook on life going forward." • **Craig Ward** sent an update back in March: "I just had, today, a full knee replacement! And I'm up and walking around with a walker in the afternoon! After an 'outlier' history of athletic training and U.S. Ski and Olympic Team success, my right knee was in dire need of replacement. All good for the next 25 years!" • We would like to share your latest news so send it along to us. And pencil in next June 11–13, 2021, for our 45th Reunion.
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Debbie and **Franklin Morton** hosted a Middlebury group in Utah for Morton's March Madness, 2020 edition. This turned out to be the last gathering of more than 10 people for many of us, as the restrictions started soon thereafter. Included were **Bob Lindberg**, **Keith Michl**, **Betsy Seeley**, **Anne Van Ingen**, **Frank Sesno** and **Kathy Sanderson**, **Janet Swanson Webster** and husband Scott, **Sheryl Bicknell Kovalik** and husband John, and **Denise Schlener** and George Bren. The extended first weekend of March included downhill and cross-country skiing, some culinary treats, soaking in the scenery, and some reminiscing of Midd. **Trygve Loken** and **Tuck Bigelow** made their presence known with the assistance of FaceTime. • **Tuck** and wife Doranne were enroute to Sun Valley the following weekend for the wedding of daughter Cathy and Sean Ford. A wonderful time was reported and all made their return trips safely. I am sure many of us have had trips, weddings, anniversary celebrations, and other events affected by the circumstances of 2020. If you would like to share, please do. • **Denise Schlener** writes that she just started a new gig, beginning early April, as the interim COO for a group called Polaris, which works to end human trafficking. She observes that it's an interesting time to start working again, but the important mission encouraged her back into the workforce. • Check out a photo of a mini-reunion on page 81. • As per the annual schedule, this column is being prepared on April Fools' day. Hopefully, by the time you see it, the less than funny current events will be in a better place. Best wishes to all for good health.
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We're putting these notes together during the first week of April, at the (current) height of the stay-at-home orders, which have already kept some class members largely indoors for more than a month. • On March 15, **Ty Howe**, inspired by a similar post by his sister Robin Howe '80, decided to start "a chat with classmates" on our class Facebook page, "to enhance social interaction during

this period of social isolation." Within days, 112 members of our class had chimed in with stories of work and retirement, rural and city living, encouragement, Midd memories, joy, frustration, and sadness. If you haven't recently visited the page, consider stopping by to give this amazing thread a read. For the many of us who are currently nature-deprived, **Ed Kanze** then began posting a photo a day (shot locally in upstate New York and in locations around the world) of fascinating flora and fauna, complete with elegantly composed stories about the subjects. (Thank you, Ed, from a grateful community.) • Prepandemic, **Bob Carolla** tipped us off to a profile of **Carolyn Ward**—program coordinator at Georgetown University Medical Center's memory disorders program—that was broadcast on D.C.'s Channel 7 (WJLA). The story can be seen on our class Facebook page. Your class correspondents followed up, and Carolyn shared the inspiring story of how personal experience led to a volunteer position, which in turn, thanks to a serendipitous lunch, became the foundation for her work of the last two decades. "After Middlebury and some years working in D.C., I obtained a Master of Science in public health." At school, her focus had been on disability and aging issues, and because of a family history of dementia (a grandmother and two aunts), while working on caregiving issues at the National Council on Aging in the late 1980s, "I got involved as a volunteer with one of the local chapters of the Alzheimer's Association" and she eventually became president of the board. "Not too long afterward, I learned that a former New York colleague of mine, Dr. Mindy Aisen, was going to work at the VA, so I contacted her to get together for lunch and to network. When I mentioned my involvement with the Alzheimer's Association, her eyes widened. Her husband, Dr. Paul Aisen, a researcher at Mt. Sinai, had been recruited by Georgetown to start an Alzheimer's program. I told her I would be interested in speaking with her husband, and eventually I came on board to work with him at the university in 1999. I have been there ever since." Her work focuses on guiding families on the challenging experience of memory loss and what to do next following diagnosis with a disease that affects 1 in 10 Americans over 65. Carolyn also noted that, prepandemic, she had enjoyed a lovely dinner get-together with **Bob Carolla** and his wife Stacy Collins. "Since the crisis, I've received a thoughtful check-in email from **Paul Rudenberg**, who is in Maine with his family. And I also heard from **Ron Languedoc** and his husband, Oscar Arce." • We would love to hear from everyone. Send your news!

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Just before the pandemic, in January 2020, a group of Midd '79ers got together in Lake Placid to play in a pond hockey tournament. Former Midd stars **Josh Holleb**, **Andy Woolford**, **Tom Harris**, **Russell Brackett**, and **Perry Babcock** played in the tournament, representing Slug fraternity, and they captured a bronze medal in the over-50 division. Perry and his wife, Susan, let them all stay at their Lake Placid home for the long weekend. • **Chris Eaton** has moved to Aiken, S.C., from Hamilton, Mass., where she and husband John are renovating a house. • Congratulations to **Kim Collins Parizeau**, who along with husband Ernie, was named a recipient of an honorary degree at this year's Commencement. She and Ernie will receive their honorary degrees at the in-person ceremony for the Class of 2020. • **Ian Baker** is finishing up his PhD program at Strathclyde Univ. in Glasgow, Scotland, this summer. In 2018, he was awarded an Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who for his noteworthy career as a field anthropologist, Himalayan explorer, writer, and award-winning photographer. His father, John Baker '55, sent the news and it should be noted that he received the same award as Ian in the same year.

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Coronavirus has affected all of us, but the Class of 1980 is still planning for our 40th Reunion next June 18–20. We hope to catch up with everyone there. In the meantime, a few updates from classmates. • **Lauren Geiger** is semi-retired and doing a bit of consulting after 40 years in PR and fundraising. She and her once-and-again husband (Peter Young '78) live in Plainfield, Vt., where the Great Brook outside her window and the nearby Groton State Forest offer respite from the onslaught. Their local co-op provides curbside pickup for groceries and has all of the essentials, including Heady Topper, a popular local beer. They are supporting the fund started by Vermont Community Foundation to help nonprofits serving people in need. They donate to GiveWell, GiveDirectly, and local food shelves, and anticipate that they will likely be called on to assist family members who are laid off during the pandemic. They love and are proud to give to their community and hope the present situation yields lessons that help improve our society in the future. • **Ned Hentz** spearheaded our own signature Reunion event, an après-ski party, complete with special ski hats! You can get your hat for a $60 donation to our class's Reunion fund. • **Anne Colton Sapp** hunkered down in Mill Valley, Calif., this past spring with her spouse and sons (who both safely made it home from college). Since no one was driving, and age is a rounding error, Anne was working on perfecting her margaritas! They had immediate concerns because her husband is severely immune compromised and had to be hospitalized for a procedure that couldn't wait. Hopefully all is well. Meanwhile, her family was appreciating local walks and watching wildlife, reading, listening to music, catching up on movies, and not missing cars! • **Pam Roller Richardson** and husband Ken packed up the car, including plenty of TP and other supplies, locked up their snowbird home in Florida, and headed back to Weatogue, Conn., this past spring. • **Lori Woodworth Ford** sent an update: "All is well with the Ford Family. Duane '78 and I are still at Holderness School and are enjoying our family and extended family immensely. We have four grown children, Willie and Lily, two UNH grads; Mattie, our Middlebury grad, Class of 2009; and Julia, who took the U.S. Ski Team route. We have two beautiful grandchildren, Emerson and Rocco DiNapoli, and cannot express how awesome grandchildren are—all you grandparents out there know what I am talking about! Our friendships, gratitude, and love of Middlebury have remained unwavering. Best wishes and be well to all our Middlebury family that has meant so much to our family over the years. It is hard to believe that it has been 40 years. Peace, Love, and Kindness!" • **David Abend** sent news that he has cofounded an online magazine, *The Bucket,* whose mission is to help people lead more fulfilling lives by acknowledging—even embracing—their own mortality. He says, "Mortality is a taboo topic and we seek to disrupt the tendency to ignore it in order to live better lives and die with fewer regrets." • **Jane Ackerman** sent in a photo, after **Charlie Holden** died, of his group of friends that get together annually. She writes, "For the last 25 years or so, we have all been gathering, with spouses and offspring, for a week or 10 days at Thanksgiving, rotating the location at one another's homes—Flagstaff, Seattle, Vermont, Boise, Atlanta, and one year in Mexico. We hike, debate politics, share books, cook, play dominoes, see the local sights, and drink coffee together in our pajamas. It has made for relationships that have allowed us to witness and share each other's major life events: births, adoptions, deaths, marriages, divorces, and professional upheavals, disappointments, and successes." See a photo from a past Thanksgiving on page 74.

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REUNION CLASS Please put June 11–13 on your calendar for our 40th Reunion next June. And send me your news! Meanwhile, check out a photo of a Slug mini-reunion and a photo with **Maggie Threadgill Symington** on page 81.

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Jon Warner writes, "My wife, Vicki, recently uncovered one of my favorite caps from the Snow Bowl ski school. Truth is that teaching skiing sent me down a good path in life. The joy of helping children find their 'ski legs and arms' inspired a concentration in education at Middlebury. An education-based sales career since

has included building a consulting and brokerage employee benefits firm and an FSA and HSA administration company. We remain well and all three children are home. Abby is in sales for Tableau, Joey is a songwriter, producer, and audio engineer working his way towards success, and Maddie is a junior majoring in chemistry at Georgetown." • From **Nancy Rielle** we heard, "I recently attended Modern Elder Academy, a midlife wisdom school in Baja, Mexico, and I had the most profound/joyful/magical week of my life! I highly recommend it, especially for those feeling midlife 'meh-ness' and in need of reassessing/rebooting/reinventing—in paradise—with curious, soulful, fellow seekers in the same boat." • **Mitchell Cohen** reports he is enjoying his new community of Albuquerque, N.M., as he continues to service his clients around the country in the pharmaceutical and processed foods industries, producing media and programming for them. • **Alison McGhee** is still writing up a storm, novels and poems and picture books and essays. This year has seen the publication of her latest adult novel, *The Opposite of Fate,* along with a picture book for new babies, *World So Wide*, and a young adult novel, *Where We Are*. Various books have now been translated into more than 20 languages. Alison teaches a variety of one-day creative writing workshops, no experience necessary, both in-person and via Zoom—check them out at her website, alisonmcghee.com. Her new podcast, Words by Winter, which focuses on people, problems, passages of life, and the poems that connect us all, should be up and running any day now. She spends more and more of her time working for social, racial, and environmental justice. The world feels so fragile right now, in so many ways, and she is lucky and grateful for her grown children and all the beautiful friends in her life, so many of them from Midd. • **Hannah Felton Lyons** writes, "**John** is back to teaching at Groton School after recovering from a serious chest injury in October 2019. Virtual teaching in this pandemic was a challenge to launch but students gave him positive feedback so the launch was successful. Last year, he also took on the role of mentoring new teachers at Groton, which has been fun and rewarding. I recently accepted the position of nurse director for the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center Protocol Office. It's a strange time to begin a new leadership position but also such a privilege to be surrounded by such amazing colleagues! Our two daughters are thriving despite the coronavirus restrictions and we feel blessed." • Congratulations to **Stephen Kiernan**, whose newest novel was recently released from William Morrow. *Universe of Two* takes place in America during WWII and tells the story of one of the men who worked on the Manhattan Project, who is assigned the job of designing and building the detonator for the atomic bomb. • **Melissa Mills Henken** sent this note: "It is with great sadness that I report the death of our classmate, **John McGee**, after a brief battle with cancer. For over 30 years, John owned and operated the award-winning restaurant, Mamma Maria, in Boston's North End. Well-known as the generous host of many memorable evenings and special occasions, John was a driving force in the Boston restaurant scene and an active and charitable member of the community. John split his time between his home in Charlestown, Mass., and his 'happy place' in Kittery, Maine. He loved travel and golf, and traveling to golf. He played many of the great courses of the world. He often ventured to Italy to 'do research' and just before he became ill, he took a Christmas trip to Colombia with his family. John will be remembered for his infectious wit, thought-provoking conversation (courtesy of the Midd Philosophy Dept.), insightful musings, quirky charm, and for some, his enviable golf game. Our hearts go out to his wife, Laila, and their two daughters, Zoe and Phoebe. Rest in Peace, Johnny. We will miss you forever."

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Patrice Binaisa checked in: "All is well for now. I am extremely fortunate to be both in a sector of the economy (the judicial sector) and have a job (court interpreter) that have allowed me to narrowly escape joblessness—for now—while also simultaneously offering me the opportunity to serve our country. I cannot volunteer as a medical interpreter, due to the risks to my court work. I have also used this time to contemplate a few peripheral topics of interest." • **Darby Brown Fox** has published a new book, *Rethinking Your Teenager: Shifting from Control and Conflict to Structure and Nurture to Raise Accountable Young Adults,* a resource for parents with teenagers. • Ed. note: Congratulations to **Allison Burroughs**, who was named this spring as a recipient of an honorary degree from Middlebury at the 2020 Commencement. She will receive her honorary degree when Middlebury holds its in-person ceremony.

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If you have any news you would like to share with classmates, please send it to us!

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Please send us your news! Classmates would love to know what you are up to!

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REUNION CLASS Congratulations to **Scott Davison** for being named chair of the board of trustees of the American College of Financial Services back in February. He also chairs the board of Indiana University Health, a large hospital system, so he is learning a lot about managing healthcare in a pandemic! Scott joined OneAmerica in 2000 and rose to CEO in 2014. Scott is embracing the challenges of the pandemic as "a great opportunity to learn, grow and innovate." He has been living in Indianapolis for 20 years, been married to wife Lorraine for 29 years, and has two sons. Scott misses all his Midd friends and hopes everyone is doing well.

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you. Meanwhile, check out a photo of **Brenda Johnson Cronin** on page 70!

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Please send us your news! Classmates would love to know what you are up to. And check out a mini-reunion photo on page 67!

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Ben Patch is living in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., with his family, including daughter Emma '19.5, and working from home for Deutsche Bank. He was very happy to flashback to College Choir days and sing the Alma Mater for the 2020 Senior Celebration. Check out a photo on page 81 of the Midd surf team socially separating, but trying to have some fun. • **Sean Brennan** was recently appointed president of East Catholic High School, his alma mater. He joins the staff after serving as assistant headmaster and upper school head at Austin Preparatory School in Reading, Mass. He lives in Manchester, Conn.

—Class Correspondent: George Baxter (george.baxter@me.com).

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The coronathon is forcing us to be creative to hold onto our jobs and our sanity! On April 23, **Pat Mancuso**, **Pat Aylmer**, **Gregg Beloff**, **Dan Romani**, **Doug Meyer**, **Parker Vaughey**, **John Spellane**, **Ross Smith**, **Tucker Cavanaugh**, **Andy Frey**, **Bob Popeo**, **Tom Bredahl**, **Mark Freni**, **Tony Reulbach**, **Geoff Garfield**, **John** (a.k.a. **Mooch**) **Mariani**, **Ray Gallagher**, **Sean Murphy**, **Tim Berry**, **Jim Quirk**, **Mike Gill**, and **Tim Madden** enjoyed a Zoom call with Pat Mancuso attempting to educate the boisterous crowd on Italian red wine. Quite a change from the days of Milwaukee's Best. • **Steph Cooper**, in Boston, created a "school

pod" with the mother of her daughter Louisa's friend. • **Ed Roche** and **Elizabeth Toder** both work for the U.S. Treasury Dept.'s Office of Technical Assistance, he in Manila, the Philippines, and she in Antananarivo, Madagascar. In March, the U.S. government announced an "Authorized Departure" for all employees who wanted to evacuate post and return to the U.S. Ed and his family decided the best thing for them was to get out of Dodge and head to Portland, Ore., for sheltering in place. (Ed's eldest daughter, Agnes, will be joining other Class of '90 children, attending Midd as a Feb in 2021!) Toder *en famille* decided the numbers in Madagascar looked much better on the island than in the U.S. at the time and chose to stay put. When numbers in Madagascar started to rise exponentially, coupled with an overwhelmed health system, the three Toders decided to catch an evacuation plane home in late July. • Please send us your creative work-arounds and coping strategies to share in the next issue!
—Class Correspondents: Doug Meyer (pdougm@aol.com); Elizabeth Toder (eatoder@gmail.com).

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REUNION CLASS Congratulations to **Jim Phillips**, who was a recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Mentorship Award given by the Chemistry Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. The award recognizes excellence in mentoring undergraduate researchers, honoring exceptional mentoring and advising by higher education faculty. Jim is a professor and chair of the Univ. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Chemistry Dept.
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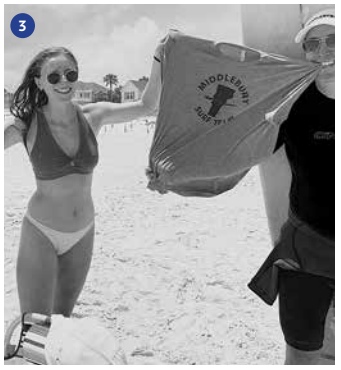
We hope that the summer has allowed some semblance of normalcy to return, and that you all are staying healthy. So many of us have had our work interrupted or forever changed, and if there's a way you can help a friend or colleague in the midst of this upheaval, let's try to offer a hand whenever we can. • Video drinks continue. **Lynn Proudian Garofolo** let us know about a Zoom Saturday rendezvous with **Holly Mead**, **Steph Ruby**, **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson**, **Susan Lipinski Swan**, and Lisbeth Strimple Fuisz '90. They've had an annual fall gathering tradition for the past 10 years, but now that their kids are older, they need to plan around college parent weekends! • I (**Leslie**) have been fortunate to see **Tabitha Jenkins**, **Kate Cote Gillin**, Kate Briscoe '94, **Cynthia Lewis Kavanagh**, **Susan Scheer Ward**, and **Sara Garcia McCormick** semiregularly on Zoom for Moscow mules, margaritas, and rosé. We laugh a lot—all of this time cooped up at home makes us long for conversation with people with whom we don't live! • **Dave Boyle** reports that he and his family have moved from NYC to Scituate, Mass., a seaside community just south of Boston. COVID accelerated a long-term plan that envisioned Dave and his wife,



1 A group of alumni, parents, and students representing seven decades of Middlebury gathered at the Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumford, N.Y. Museum president and CEO, Becky Wehle '94, hosted the event with support from Maggie Threadgill Symington '81: (kneeling) James Pergolizzi '04, Laura Kelly Pergolizzi '06, Sophie Liebel '23, Alison Meyers '21, Kirsten Nagel '06, Maggie, (standing) Karen McIntyre Jarvis '75, Ingrid Stanlis '72, Cynthia Stanley P'23, John Allen '65, Lora Allen, Becky, Julie Meyers '21, Zeke Money, Sam Meyers, Paul Cripps, and Charlie Symington. 2 A group of Slug alumni met up for an annual ski trip in Banff: (seated) Wing Pepper '83, Tony Trase '81, Ed King '81, Dave Buzby '81, Hank Miller (Tufts), Ned Denney '82, Tedd Saunders (Conn.), Sam Bock '81, Charlie Tipper '81, George "Lefty" Valentin '82, Andy Kennedy '83, (standing) Chris West '81, Rob Higgins '81, Carl Erdman '81, Bos Dewey '81, Steve Willis '81, Carl Howard '81, Doug Rich '81, and Kevin Granath '81. 3 The Midd surf team of Emma Patch '19.5 and father Ben Patch '89 was socially distancing in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., but still having fun.

4 A mini-reunion took place in Lisbon, Portugal, when friends from the Class of 1977 and their families met up: Franklin Morton '77, Patty Michl, Keith Michl '77, Debbie Morton, Katie Morton MIIS MPA '18, Greg Knowlden, and Hunter Morton. 5 At the LaBelle Winery in Amherst, N.H., Mila Pavek '92 married Christian Phillips, School of Japanese '91, on October 13, 2018. Middlebury friends who celebrated with the couple included Sarah Gordon Littlefield '92, the bride, Aidan Phillips, the groom, Liz Hopper Whitelam '91, (second row) Sietske Brown MIIS MAT '02, Aleks Bytnerowicz MIIS MAT '01, and Cynthia Stillinger '93.

Oselinda, raising their children in the suburbs with proximity to the water rather than the confines (and costs) of New York City. Originally from Massachusetts, Dave is excited to be closer to family and to spend time on the water. This is Dave's fourth move in five years, thus confirming that he married a saint. • **Dave** spoke with **Melissa Barrett,** who after decades in Manhattan, decamped to Miami (seeking warmer weather, a healthier lifestyle, and lower taxes) with her husband Joe MacLean, son John, and daughter Annalise, both students at Choate who were happy to be quarantined by Biscayne Bay. Melissa and Joe own and run a portfolio of health, wellness, and beauty consumer product brands. Most recently Melissa cofounded Oncoderm Labs, an online telemedicine and pharmacy brand specifically for cancer patients and survivors, focusing on the treatment of common side effects of oncology therapies. • **J.J. Gilmartin** wrote that he, **Steve Schrodel**, and **Charlie** and **Bryn Neubert Buck** still enjoy sharing a ski house in Hancock, Vt. Their families ski together at the Snow Bowl frequently, where they often see **Jeff Noordsy** and **Christa Hawryluk Collins**. In addition, he continues to look forward to an annual ski trip with several classmates, and this year's trip to Utah included **Miles Canfield**, **Brian Good**, **Curt Boeschenstein**, **Fred Lawrence**, and **Buddy Heller**. "We've still got it!" • Looking south, **Adam Cervantes** moved to Mexico and is loving being back home, although he says his timing could have been better (something about economic and political turmoil plus a pandemic). He splits his time between his home town of Morelia and Mexico City, where he's working on a Fintech project and other minor projects. **Pat Liu**, who was the first person Adam met when he arrived on campus, does her share of world travel from her southern Vermont home base. Pat promised to visit Adam once she can travel outside her zip code. **Lydia Ramos-Cruz** also promised to visit Adam in Mexico because she too loves exploring the world (most recently Prague), which she does in rewarding fashion when she can get away from her busy schedule as a litigator in Puerto Rico. • And in Europe, **Tom Armbrecht** wrote that he has been living in Berlin, Germany, and telecommuting for the past two years. He loves the city and is amazed at how friendly and helpful Berliners are! Tom works as an online education architect at SHARE Professional Learning (part of the Bertelsmann Education Group), where he creates professional development courses about subjects like trauma, resilience, and restorative justice for K–12 teachers. He hopes anyone traveling in Berlin will reach out to say hello! • **Stefanie Hirsh Cousins** wrote from Austin, Texas, where she lives with husband Kurt and their two children, Ben (12) and Katherine (9). Kurt is a physician and Stefanie is the director of marketing and communications for a national nonprofit called Brighter Bites. It focuses on improving health outcomes in low-income communities by helping children and their families change their eating habits—providing them with fresh fruits and vegetables and nutrition education, teaching them how to use it, and tracking their dietary behavior change. She writes, "Our family loves Austin! You don't find too many people who have heard of Middlebury here, but **Jules Reinhart Elkins** and I reconnected when I moved to Austin over five years ago and we see each other frequently. And last year, in San Francisco, I met up with my old roommate **Becky Worley** for dinner. I'm writing this update during the coronavirus pandemic, and our family has been sheltering in place since mid-March. To get us through, we take breaks from work/school Zoom calls and projects to enjoy our ever-growing stockpile of outdoor games (corn hole is the family favorite), Nerf gun fights, and to make slime, bake, and take the requisite neighborhood walk or bike ride for a change of scenery. Here's hoping we can start socializing soon, because there is way too much slime in my house!" • **Kingman Gordon** shared news about an annual trip—Jazz Fest in New Orleans with **Peter Walsh**, **Tristram Perkins**, **Warner McGowin**, and **John Rudge**. He raved about the delicious food, great booze, and music, music, music! This past February, **Matt Pauley**, **Peter Walsh**, **Warner McGowin**, **Charlie Watson**, **Nick Elfner**, **Bill Tice**, **Packy Briggs**, and Fred McCrea '89 surprised Kingman in San Francisco for his 50th birthday. And in March, Tristram, Peter, and Kingman enjoyed a 50th birthday adventure in Argentina to fish for dorado and shoot doves. Kingman said it was wonderful to spend quality time together, away from Wi-Fi and the initial chaos of the coronavirus. Their trip was cut short, however, as travel restrictions were rolled out, but they made it home with tall tales of the big ones that got away. • **Drew Meyers** lives in Berkeley and truly embraces the Northern California lifestyle. When he's not shredding in Tahoe, Drew can be found living out of his VW van and surfing up the coast in Bolinas, hanging around the skate parks or shuttling to and from lacrosse games. In his spare time, Drew has his own creative advertising agency, working with a variety of B2B clients. • **Matt Pauley** and wife Joanne recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary and have three children, Truman (16), Channing (14), and Gibson (13). • **Gavin Ma** lives in Hong Kong and has been in lockdown, due to the riots and COVID-19. Throughout isolation, Gavin's been enjoying his time with his two boys, Kyle and Wyatt. • Austin, Texas, is home for **Bill Tice**, wife Erin, and their boys, George and William. • Cohasset, Mass., resident **Nick Elfner** enjoys the Greater Boston area with his wife, Raina, and boys, Sam and Ben. • **Peter Walsh** still lives in Minnesota but does a good job of getting in turns at his happy place, Steamboat, Colo., where he sees **Keith Wilson**. Keith is a contractor and has been in Steamboat for years. • **Warner McGowin** is a mortgage broker in Birmingham, Ala., where he lives with wife Cathy and their kids. Warner is all about the Auburn Tigers (War Eagle!), duck hunting, and fishing for redfish. • **Tristram Perkins** travels widely for work but finds peace at home with his kids in Connecticut and on any body of water with fish in it. • **Charlie Watson**'s life improved significantly when his office moved to Connecticut, where he works in the executive search industry at Russell Reynolds and is dad to three boys, Charlie Mac, Gunnar, and Briggs. • **Christine Bushey Leggett** and her family live in Chevy Chase, Md., but they have invested in a happy business—ice cream! We look forward to hearing more about their Chesapeake Bay ice cream parlor. • **Jeffrey Collins** sent word that he has published a new history book with Cambridge Univ. Press called *In the Shadow of Leviathan: John Locke and the Politics of Conscience.* Jeffrey is an associate professor of history at Queen's Univ. in Kingston, Ontario. • A heartfelt thank you to those who responded to our solicitations for updates! Please keep them coming—*Frasier* reruns may have buoyed us through the early stages of the pandemic, but friends are the family you choose, and our Midd friends will carry us through to a COVID cure and beyond.

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Community College of Baltimore County recently appointed **Joaquin Martinez** as the provost and vice president of instruction, effective July 1. Most recently, he was the district vice provost with oversight for institutional effectiveness across the eight campuses of Miami Dade College in Florida. • Check out a photo of **Mike Seaton** on page 67!

—Class Correspondent: Maria Diaz (latinawriting@gmail.com).

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Chris and Inger Lund '95 **Carter** recently relocated to the Seattle area from sunny Southern California. The restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 have delayed their integration into their new community, but they look forward to reconnecting socially with locals like **Jon Johnstone**, **Mandy Levenberg**, and **Teaque Lenahan**, if life ever gets back to normal. • Check out photos of classmate **Amanda Stine Young** on page 67 and classmate **Becky Wehle** on page 81!

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REUNION CLASS Sheltering in place motivated Middlebury friends **Courtney Marsh**, **Christy Thomsen Covalesky**, **Tracy Varghese McGeehan**, **Susie Van Buren**, **Lisa Caruso Wesner**, **Laurel Cox**, and **John Goyert** to have a virtual happy hour in March from the comfort of their homes in Boston, the Bay Area, D.C., Philadelphia, Providence, and Portland, Maine. **Dan Mucha** and **Jill Boat Rakowski** joined for another virtual happy hour in April to celebrate **Susie Van Buren**'s birthday.

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Jade Star Lackey writes, "My seventh-year sabbatical from Pomona College was fortunately timed ahead of the global lockdowns. I was able to get research trips to Sweden and eastern Australia (Queensland and Tasmania) with family in tow. The rocks at these locations let me sample garnet from ancient hydrothermal deposits. Students and I are working on these tiny crystals to understand natural rates CO_2 outgassing from Earth's crust, from well before people became part of the equation."

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you. Meanwhile, check out some photos of classmates on page 67!

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Sara Doniger Parent is running for a seat on the school board in Darien, Conn. Feel free to learn more about her campaign at mikeandsara4darienschools.com. She and husband **Greg** have been periodically escaping to Vermont during the pandemic. • **Elizabeth Cassidy**, her husband, and their two kids also escaped to Vermont for a few weeks of R and R in June. They are doing well in Chicago. • **Robby Levy** was missing both the Cavaliers and Cleveland Indians seasons, but seems to have made up for it with some quality time on the ice this past winter. He is happy to entertain visitors in Ohio and may be seen on the East Coast later this summer. • **Joe Kraft** has been able to beat the heat in D.C. with his dog Teddy, though Teddy is better suited for air conditioning and the fall. • **Aaron Tyler** and **Kristine Kraushaar** have taken to the high seas of Lake Champlain this summer and have yet to run aground or see lake monster Champy in their travels. • **David Gramling** lives in Denver with his husband, Mohammad, and puppy Zarafa, but is soon taking a new job as professor and head of the Department of Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, beginning in January 2021.

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How have you been spending your time during the pandemic? **Brian Quiros** and Carly Weiland Quiros (UNH 2004) have been enjoying a new family member. They are elated to announce the adoption of their son, Christian John Quiros. Brian writes, "Christian was born April 15, 2019, we took physical custody April 17, 2019, and the adoption was finalized November 12, 2019. We could not be happier." Congratulations Quiros family! • **Lena Watts Flannery** writes, "I'm spending the extra time at home in Somerville, Mass., learning more facts about baseball than I ever thought possible, thanks to my nearly seven-year-old son. Although I'm thankful to continue to do communications work for IEC, an economic and environmental consulting firm, from my house, it's certainly a lot to juggle with everybody home all day!" Lena was bummed to miss out on two planned get-togethers with **Katy Chamberlain Hope**, and had been excited to see **Lorraine Roth Herbst**, **Meeghan Murphy Fortson**, **Kate Barnett Forster**, and **Melanie Curtis** (and so many others!) at Reunion. • In addition to missing classmates and the campus, others had hoped to engage with Middlebury's response to recent calls for social justice. **David Barreda** writes, "I was most looking forward to hearing President Patton give a speech where she sincerely and honestly apologized on behalf of Middlebury College for its continued racist actions and speech suppression and rewriting of history to whitewash it for years. The College continues to pay lip service to national organizing efforts while it continues to marginalize and disenfranchise Middlebury College student minorities. I was looking forward to Patton actually presenting some actionable steps that she would support as president." (*Note*—Middlebury Magazine *encouraged Dave to voice his concerns to Middlebury's chief diversity officer, Miguel Fernandez, and encourages others with similar concerns to do the same: fernande@middlebury.edu*). • Despite our live Reunion being postponed until next June, some classmates went the virtual route. **Colleen Bramhall Popkin** reports, "Sixteen classmates in their early 40s managed to convene on Zoom to relive antics of yesteryear." Included in the virtual reunion were Colleen and **Adam Popkin** (Vt.), **David Babington**, **David Barreda**, **Genevieve Berdoulay Coffey**, **Tim Dewey-Mattia**, and **Jme McLean** (Calif.), **Nathaniel Bryan** (N.J.), **Phoebe Chase** and **Jessica Christian** (Mass.), **Gwenie Rogers Flickinger** (Utah), **Josh Nothwang** and **Katie Zug Volkmar** (Colo.), **Isaac Ro** (Conn.), **Peter Walsworth** (R.I.), and **Caroline Bevelander Via** (N.Y.). • **Maya Paul** (Calif.) also hosted a Zoom reunion, which I (**Jennifer**) attended, with **Michelle Ruth Frindell** and **Jen LaBrecque** (Wash.), **Dave Mendelson** (Calif.), **Chris** and **Annah Heitkamp Sullivan** (Va.), **Chris Delfs** (Pa.), **Elise Young** (Md.), Ben '98 and **Emily Humphrey Dixon** (N.Y.), **Sondra LeClair** (Alaska), and **Patrick "Paddy" Kelly**'s wife Collins and daughter Clara (Colo.). We miss Patrick dearly but it's nice to be in touch with his family. Speaking of family, many offspring were on this Zoom call, too, with Dave Mendelson's clocking in as the oldest (10) and several others, including Michelle's triplets, just missing the mark at nine years old. Chris Delfs' kids were unavailable because they were up in a tree—something Paddy certainly would have approved of. **Pete Fagan** and **Pete Falcier** missed the call; I suspect they secretly may have been with Chris's kids (at a safe social distance, of course). • I hope everyone is managing to keep a sense of humor during these trying times. Please keep me posted on how you're doing—I always love hearing from you. • Meanwhile, check out a photo of **Anna Benvenuto** on page 67.

—Class Correspondent: Jennifer Crystal (jennifercrystalwriter@gmail.com).

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REUNION CLASS Please be sure to put the date of our 20th Reunion on your calendar: June 11–13, 2021! And speaking of reunions, see a photo on page 74 of a classmate mini-reunion!

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2020 OUTSTANDING CLASS CORRESPONDENT AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 Outstanding Class Correspondent Award established by Jean Seeler-Gifford '60 has been awarded to **Jennifer Crystal**, Class of 2000. Jennifer took on the job of class correspondent with enthusiasm and commitment. She has worked hard to keep classmates connected to the College and to each other. She willingly contacts people in her class each quarter and conscientiously meets deadlines for submitting their news to the magazine. Her time and effort and loyalty to Middlebury and her classmates are all greatly appreciated.

Previous Awards

2019 Barry Schultz King '74
2018 Chris White '63
2017 Wendy Behringer Nelson '82 and Caleb Rick '82
2016 Ashley Cheung '11 and Carly Lynch '11
2015 Beth Prasse Seeley '70
2014 Dixon Hemphill '49 and Rachel Adkins Platt '49
2013 Michelle Cady '08 and Laura Lee '08
2012 Jeannette Atkins Louth '47
2011 Bill '51 and Phyllis Cole Deming '51
2010 Emily Aikenhead Hannon '95 and JP Watson '95
2009 Lucy Paine Kezar '59
2008 John Gale '43
2007 Marshall Sewell '37
2006 Ruth Packard Jones '41
2005 Miriam Sweet Coombs '28

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We write this update as of July, when the uncertainty, anxiety, and upheaval of the COVID-19 pandemic has reached us all, in ways both large and small. Everyone is living through a unique and very personal experience, and we cannot even grasp all of the ways this virus has affected our classmates. We just want to share our collective gratitude to all of the Middlebury alums caring for patients, serving as essential workers, and putting the needs of others ahead of their own. We have struggled with maintaining the class notes over the last several months and with figuring out how to share our lives during this time—we hope to report on brighter times very soon. We sincerely hope this update finds you and your family healthy and safe. • **Virginia Snodgrass Rangel** sent us a photo, documenting the simpler, cherished times of in-person visits from friends. As she put it, "I'm sharing a picture that at this point feels like it's from a lifetime ago." It's from December 2019, when Virginia and her family drove up to Baltimore to visit with **Elizabeth Crook Child**, when she and her family were visiting the U.S. from Bogota, Colombia, where the Child family resides. As Virginia writes, "It was great to catch up and see the kids (future Midd Kids?) play so well together. It's really nice to be able to remember the visit now, when we're all closed up in our houses." The photo will appear in a future issue of the class notes. • Meanwhile, **Natasha Kelly Withers** sent in a photo last fall that is in this issue on page 67. It features Midd alums and she writes, "We all have the great fortune of working at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury. We often see each other for meetings and on this beautiful sunny day, we decided to capture the moment. We would love other alumni medical professionals to join us at Porter!" • We would love to hear from any and all members of the Class of '02, as you navigate this tumultuous year and perhaps shift your gaze to our 20th Reunion in the summer of 2022. What perspectives can you share with your classmates? How has your outlook changed? We welcome small stories, powerful stories, and of course, positive stories to keep us all going. Please send your updates directly to Middlebury02@gmail.com.

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We are very sad to learn of **Neal Berwick**'s passing at his home in Aurora, Colo., on May 8. He was a passionate skier, cared for his community and family, and will be remembered warmly by many in our class and others. For his birthday last year, Neal ran a fundraiser to support the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and some may find a gift in his memory to that organization an appropriate tribute.

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Sarah Goodwin, executive director of the science communication nonprofit iBiology, is a producer and lead science advisor on a documentary about gene editing and CRISPR. The film, *Human Nature*, received rave reviews in the *New York Times* (Critic's Pick), *Los Angeles Times*, and many other publications. *Human Nature* can be viewed on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, and Vimeo, and will be on Netflix in October. • A former corporate lawyer, **Philippe Danielides** has founded Inner Current Coaching, a professional coaching firm. After a positive experience with his own coach, he left law, took several intensive coaching programs, and launched the firm. His work involves helping high achievers find fulfillment in work and life and partnering with organizations to develop cultures that promote well-being. • Check out photos of classmate **Steve Hickey** on page 70 and classmate **James Pergolizzi** on page 81!

—Class Correspondents: Athenia (Tina) Fischer-Rodney (princess1328@yahoo.com); Drew Pugsley (drew.pugsley@gmail.com).

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Jake Nicholson caught up with **Dave Wright** in April. As it turns out, their daughters were born on the same day last year! • **Natalie Guarin** was preparing to wrap up work with the Community Health Center in New London, Conn., in June after nearly six years practicing there as a family nurse practitioner. During her time working there she was delighted to stumble upon her old first-year seminar buddy **Jeannie McIntosh**, who also works for CHC as a family nurse practitioner in New Britain and is a fellow with the Center for Key Populations. Jeannie and Natalie got together with **Nicole Grohoski** and **Amy Bigelow** last year for a "state dinner" with Maine House Representative Grohoski when she visited Connecticut for a Climate and Energy Summit at Yale. It was fun to reconnect and hear about Amy's impressive work and dedication to teaching at Franklin Academy in East Haddam, Conn. Here's hoping for another reunion again soon! • **Ted King** retired from World Tour bike racing in 2015 and moved back to the United States from having called Spain home for the better part of the previous seven years. He first landed in the Bay Area, where he met the love of his life, Laura, the first weekend in California. They were married in Colorado in 2017 and then moved to Richmond, Vt., in the fall of 2018. He's still heavily involved in the sport of cycling. He works with a whole bunch of cycling companies on their marketing side and does a bit of coaching. The impetus to move east was part family and part UnTapped—that's a sports nutrition company based on maple syrup that he cofounded in 2014—it made a lot of sense to be closer to his partners and the company back here in Vermont. Ted and his wife also run a gravel cycling event in Richmond called Rooted Vermont. He reports, "We just had our first child three weeks ago, a beautiful baby girl, Hazel Grace King." • **Alexis Kearney** and her husband live outside of Providence, R.I., with son Jack and new daughter Adeline. Alexis continues to work as an emergency medicine physician and faculty member within the division of Global Emergency Medicine at Brown. Alexis's international work mostly takes her back to Ecuador (where she did her study abroad) and she's still in touch with her host family from 2003. She frequently sees Laurie Griffin '06.5 and her family, as they live nearby, and Laurie works at one of the other hospitals. They had a women's water polo team mini-reunion last August in Vermont at the wedding of Whitney Thomas '07.5 with Lisa Niswander '07 and Demie Kommatas '07. • **Manny Sabiiti** continues to juggle work, family, and school as he pursues his EMBA at MIT in these interesting times!

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REUNION CLASS **Jake Whitted** was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Jefferson County Economic Development Corp., the governing body that oversees Colorado's oldest economic development organization. Jake is a shareholder in the Denver office of law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. • **Duncan Cooper** sent in a photo from an event at the company he works for, Enel Green Power in Andover, Mass. A group of alums who work there had a chance to pose with the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Check it out on page 70! And check out a photo of a couple of classmates at another alumni event on page 81!

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Kerren McKeeman sent an update: "I'm living in Las Vegas now, working for Cirque du Soleil as an aerialist in one of their resident shows. I never thought I'd live in Vegas, but after touring for almost 10 years it's a welcome change!" • **Kelly Dennis** married Jacob Mark on October 26, 2019, at the Watermill Center in Water Mill, N.Y. Kelly is a nonprofit arts administrator for the Watermill Center as well as an attorney working for the Shinnecock Indian Nation and tribe members. Husband Jacob is a chef at Tutto il Giorno and a Culinary Institute of America alum. They had a wonderful honeymoon in Jamaica in early January. They are currently building a "catio" for their cats, Sean and Diamond, as one of their many newlywed home projects. • **Samantha Ritt Haase** writes, "I just finished my 10th year as a French and Spanish upper school instructor at the Webb School of Knoxville, Tenn. I taught remotely and tried to keep our students motivated in that unprecedented fourth quarter of the

school year! I had been at the Culver Academies in Culver, Ind. (two hours from Chicago), for three years prior to teaching at the Webb School in Tennessee. Also, I'm coaching the Webb cross-country team (both runner-up state finishes in 2019), and I'm always looking back to my coaching guidance from the track and field coaches, Martin Beatty '84 and Nicole Wilkerson, and the girls' ice hockey coach, Bill Mandigo. I ran and played hockey at Midd." • Check out a mini-reunion photo of classmates on page 67! • As of this column, **Carlos Beato** and **Amanda Cook Maher** are stepping down as class correspondents due to time constraints. If anyone would like to take over, it's a great way to stay in touch with classmates! Please let either of them know if you are interested.
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Congratulations to **Emily Temple**, who has published her debut novel, *The Lightness,* a story about a teen girl who runs away to search for her missing father at a meditation retreat and finds herself in what she calls "Buddhist Boot Camp for Bad Girls." It's getting great reviews! • **Brooke Siem** sent an update: "I live in Vancouver, Canada. I've been working on a book about antidepressant withdrawal for the past few years and it's currently out for submission. Though I still work as a chef/recipe developer, much of my focus is on mental health. I write the newsletter, 'Happiness Is A Skill,' on my website and it's dedicated to people ready to do the deep work necessary to live a beautiful life. And I hang out with **Alpheus Chan** quite a bit since he's in Vancouver too." • **Amanda Brickell Bellows** writes, "**Marcus** and I wanted to share the news that we welcomed our third child, Grace Eleanor Bellows, on April 9 in New York City. I also published my first book, *American Slavery and Russian Serfdom in the Post-Emancipation Imagination* (University of North Carolina Press) in April." • Ed. note: Congratulations to **Laura Lee Mittelman**, who has been named an On the Rise—Top 40 Young Lawyer for 2020 by the American Bar Assoc. The award is given to attorneys who exemplify high professional achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal and community service. She is an associate with Burns & Levinson in Boston.
—Class Correspondents: Laura Lee Mittelman (laurawhitneylee@gmail.com); Jee Yeon Park (jeeyeonp@gmail.com).

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you.
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This summer, at the Harvard Kennedy School, **Jamie Mittelman** has been organizing and co-chairing free weekly digital events with the student group Women in Power. Some examples of the offerings include a conversation with Ambassador Wendy Sherman called "From Social Activism to Undersecretary of State," a discussion called "Elevating Black Voices: Racial Justice and Healing," a virtual session on meditation, and a wine tasting. You can check out the events, some of which were recorded, at womeninpowerconference.org. Jamie is a first-year Master in Public Administration student at the Harvard Kennedy School. • **Paul Gallagher** reports, "Work-wise, I'm still a college counselor at the Nueva School, though that too might be news since the last update I sent, which I think was never. I've been baking more than usual, dry-curing meats, and dipping my toes into cabinetmaking (really, tool purchasing). Anyway, under normal circumstances, I'm always happy to host folks for a drink, a meal, or a tour of the California winelands!" He added that he recently saw several Midd folks at **Jenny Erwin**'s wedding in West Virginia and was able to meet up with **James O'Brien** and **Jamie Mittelman** in Boston in December. To everyone, please do not worry—Paul has maintained his years-running game of Pocket Tanks with **Chris Chung**. • **Emma Gardner Briscoe** says, "I've been living in Louisville, Ky., since 2013, where I've been working in brand management at wine and spirits company Brown-Forman. Most recently I united with Midd friends at **Maeve McGilloway**'s bachelorette party in Florida right before COVID hit, and I'm looking forward to meeting the new babies (and future Midd students) of **Ilana Prior** and **Dickie Redmond**, **Brooke Beatt**, and **Sam Maytag Armstrong** (and many others) once travel resumes." • **Russell Griggs** works as a principal investigator conducting *in vitro* and clinical research on FDA/EPA-regulated antimicrobial drugs (e.g., hand sanitizers/soaps and surface disinfectants) at a contract research organization in Bozeman, Mont. • **Lisa Mariko Gretebeck** and her husband, Alec Weltzien '08, are living in Tokyo. They moved there last summer along with their dog (Choko) and cat (Nichtsnutz). She works as a veterinary consultant, and Alec works for the U.S. State Department. They're both teleworking from home given the COVID situation, and their pets are enjoying being the center of attention! In Lisa's free time, she is enjoying art classes in watercolor painting and working in her garden.
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REUNION CLASS What a strange year it has been, Class of 2011 and 2011.5. We hope you and your families are all staying safe and well. We're thrilled to be able to share happy news from some of our classmates: **Shannon Engelman Brookhouser** and her husband, Jarrett, welcomed Hugh Blake Brookhouser into this world towards the end of March, otherwise known as the beginning of the COVID shutdown. He is bringing them lots of smiles and laughs in this strange time. • **Maria Perille** and her husband, Mustafa, welcomed Aya Sophie Hammond on July 22. • **Amanda Bowen** married Daniel Geaney on July 24 at their Beacon Hill home. This year's ceremony was intimate, but will be followed by a larger celebration next summer in Daniel's hometown of Dublin, Ireland. • Thanks to those who submitted updates and, as always, feel free to be in touch at midd2011@gmail.com. Take care! And please be sure to put the date of our 10th Reunion on your calendar: June 11–13, 2021!
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Here is what some of our classmates have been up to! As always, please reach out with any news you'd like to share. • **James Pates** graduated from Columbia Business School in May. He is returning to Deloitte Consulting in their government and public sector practice. • **Kara Shurmantine** and **Doug Parizeau** graduated from the MBA program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth in June and moved to San Francisco. Kara is joining consulting firm Bain and Company, and Doug is heading the search fund he founded, Allen Range Capital. • **Elizbeth Nuttall Westling** shares, "I am a medical resident at the University of Washington and recently had the opportunity to travel to Soldotna, Alaska, to learn in a clinic there for a month. While there, the doctor I was working with and I discovered that we are both Middlebury alumni who went to UW for residency! Small world! He was in the Class of 1985—John Bramante."
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Please let us know how you are doing and what you are up to! Classmates would love to hear about it!
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Toby Israel sent word that she has published a book called *Vagabondess: A Guide to Solo Female Travel*. Toby began traveling solo at 17 when she moved to Paris for a gap year before college. She writes this about the book: "*Vagabondess: A Guide to Solo Female Travel* is for the travelers (current and future), the feminists, the adventurers, the seekers, and the curious. It is the guide I never had, and the advice I might not have heeded anyway. In the pages I offer insights I gleaned from moving through the world as a vagabondess. It is my intention to provide the encouragement we all crave to pursue our dreams, as well as some practical suggestions for getting there."

• Check out middleburymagazine.com for a profile in the Pursuits department about **Cameron McKinney**.
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15 **Rebecca Wong** and **Nicholas Orr** were married on March 1 in Santa Barbara, Calif. Max Hoffman '14.5 officiated. The couple met on the first day of class in Professor Dry's first-year seminar, Love and Friendship. Becky graduated from Stanford Law School and is now a deputy public defender in Contra Costa County, Calif. Nick is in his final semester at the University of Michigan Law School and will be joining the Palo Alto office of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett as a litigation associate. Also in attendance at their wedding were **Brita Fisher**, **Emily Luan**, **Sabi Sabharwal**, Sebastian Schell '14, **Alex Macmillan**, **Sarae Snyder**, **Halley Lamberson**, **Sonia Rodrigues**, **Matt Butler**, **Noah Goss-Woliner**, **Bryce Parsons**, **Conor Grant**, and Amy Nichols Richards '97.
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16 **REUNION CLASS** **Sherif Nada** and **Mariam Khan** were married on June 15, 2019, with lots of Midd Kids in attendance. They both work in tech and reside in the Bay Area in California with their new kitten, Sushi. • Don't forget to put the date of our 5th Reunion on your calendar: June 11–13, 2021!
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17 Please send me your news! I would love to hear from you.
—Class Correspondent: Ivan Valladares (ivanantvall@gmail.com).

18 **Lizzie Apple** recently had an article published in StyleBluePrint on the platform "Southern Voices." Titled "The Positive Side of a Pandemic," it was a story about her involvement volunteering with Mid-South Food Bank, handing out food to needy people. A graduate student at Vanderbilt Divinity School, she was forced to go home to Memphis, Tenn., when the pandemic hit. While she was unhappy to have to leave Nashville, she found a positive side to being back at home. • **Eleanor Eagan** works as a research assistant at the Revolving Door Project at the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C.
—Class Correspondents: Georgia Grace Edwards (georgiagrace.edwards@gmail.com); Charlie Mitchell (charlie@tom.org); Hannah Pustejovsky (hannah.pustejovsky@gmail.com).

19 **Faraz Ahmad** joined Joele Frank, a strategic and financial communications firm, as an account executive in their San Francisco office this spring. The company offers counsel and tactical support across several disciplines, including transactions, shareholder activism, and litigation support. • **Lucy Grindon** is currently the Bertelsen editorial intern at the *National Catholic Reporter*, pursuing her passion for journalism. You can read her articles if you go to the website and search for her name at ncronline.org. • **Randy Spillane** founded Now You're Talking!, which specializes in virtual public speaking classes for working professionals, centered around immersive learning, mindset, and personal development. Visit his website at nytalking.com. • **Caroline Bartlett** is working at Enel Green Power in Andover, Mass. Check out a photo of her at a special event on page 70! • **Kahari Blue** cocreated and hosts a podcast called Talkback, which highlights BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) experiences and points of view in the plays and musicals of New York City. You can find the podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. • **Erin Craig**, a beloved member of our class community, passed away February 16 after a battle with leukemia. If anyone has any memories about Erin they would like to share, please send them to us. • Ed note: Welcome to **Abigail Browngoehl**, who has joined **Megan Mahoney** as a class correspondent. You can send news to either of them at the email addresses below.
—Class Correspondents: Abigail Browngoehl (abrowngoehl@gmail.com); Megan Mahoney (megmahoney19@gmail.com).

20 Welcome to the alumni class notes! We need two people to volunteer as class correspondents for this class. It's a fun job and an easy way to keep in touch with classmates. Four times a year you send out emails or social media requests for information from classmates about what they are doing. Then the news gets assembled into your class column. I am always available to help. If you are interested, please contact Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu.

OBITUARIES

41 **Howard L. Hasbrouck**, 100, of Brighton, Mich., on January 19, 2020. At Middlebury, he was a member of Theta Chi. During WWII, he served with the 45th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment as a master sergeant, receiving the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal, and Good Conduct and American Service Medals. After being discharged, he worked for 30 years with various government agencies, including the Social Security Administration, managing offices in Ohio and Michigan. After retiring, he began his own business preparing taxes. Predeceased by wife Ruth (Killian), he is survived by daughter Barbara, one granddaughter, and four great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens, 100, of New Hartford, N.Y., on January 2, 2020. A Pi Beta Phi, she taught high school English in Georgetown, Del., after graduating. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer. In 1961 she took a part-time job with the YWCA and in 1966 was made executive director. During her tenure, she helped establish the first Clinton, N.Y., area shelter for battered women and children. After retiring in 1982, she helped propel the renovation and expansion of the Kirkland Town Library. Over the years she served on numerous committees and boards, often in a leadership position, and was the first woman trustee of Mohawk Valley Community College. One of her many awards was induction into the MVCC Hall of Fame. In 2000, she was honored as A Woman for all Seasons. Predeceased by husband Moses '41, she is survived by husband Jack, daughters Deborah '66 and Molly '68, stepdaughters Margaret and Elizabeth, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include nephew Sidney Patchett '66.

43 **Dumont Rush**, 98, of Middlebury, Vt., on January 15, 2020. A Theta Chi, he graduated from MIT on the five-year plan with Middlebury. During WWII, he spent time in the Navy, then took a position with the Mechanical Engineering Dept. at MIT and assisted with research and development on combustion processes and gas turbine power for naval aircraft torpedoes. He had a long career as a nuclear engineer, focusing mainly on nuclear reactor design, both for research and power production. In retirement, he and his wife raised puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. He is survived by wife Peggy, daughters Lauren, Susan, Pamela, and Karen, and son Michael, 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

44 **Elizabeth Broadbent Brown**, 96, of Evanston, Ill., on January 1, 2020. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she worked in NYC at the Guaranty Trust Co., then for a local newspaper in New Jersey. Moving with her family, she worked at St. Louis (Mo.) Federal Savings and Loan, then 17 years at Main

Line Federal Savings Bank in Villanova, Pa. She continued her education at Webster Groves College, Mo., in literature and at Villanova in accounting. Predeceased by husband Charlie, she is survived by children Charlie, Kathy, Michael, and Craig, eight grandchildren, including Kara Hooper, MA English '04, and 15 great-grandchildren.

45 **Jessie Woodwell Bush**, 96, of Sun City Center, Fla., on January 5, 2020. She worked at the Bureau of National Affairs and later at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. During that time, she took several trips on her bike, around Europe and in the U.S. While raising her children and after, she was an active volunteer with a variety of groups, including the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, LifePath Hospice, and the Hillsborough Literacy Council. She is survived by husband Archer, children Steven and Anne, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

47 **Barbara Verdicchio Britten**, 94, of Medford, N.J., on February 28, 2020. A member of Kappa Delta, she worked after graduation at the American Broadcasting Co. While raising her children, she helped found the Arts Council of the Morris Area and was on the board of the Colonial Symphony. Earning a master's in arts administration from NYU in 1980, she worked as the business manager then assistant director of the Summit Arts Center. In 1983 she was appointed the executive director of the Colonial Symphony, retiring in 1990. Predeceased by husband Wilson, she is survived by children Cynthia, Robert, and Carol, four grandchildren, one step-grandson, and five great-grandchildren.

Jeannette Cunningham Kidd, 95, of Harrisonburg, Va., on January 13, 2020. A member of Sigma Kappa, she worked for several years as a social worker at the Madison County (N.Y.) Welfare Dept. after graduation. She was an active volunteer while raising her children. She served on the Oneida (N.Y.) Common Council for two terms and was the first female mayor of Oneida for one term in 1983. Predeceased by husband Arthur, she is survived by children Jennifer, Jacqueline, Michael, Kathleen, Kristine, Susan, and Margaret, 19 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Muriel Mack Lamppert, 94, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on January 23, 2020. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she worked in advertising in New York City after graduation. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer and a founding member of the Chagrin League of Women Voters, eventually serving as the LWV Ohio state treasurer. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by children Linda and David, and five grandchildren.

48 **Richard C. Wolff**, 96, of Caldwell, N.J., on February 27, 2020. A Phi Kappa Tau, he earned a master's in physiology from Boston Univ. in 1949 and earned his medical degree from UVM in 1953. While doing his anesthesiology residency at the Hospital of the Univ. of Pennsylvania, he activated with the Air Force and was promoted to captain. He served as the chief of anesthesiology at Clark Field Hospital in the Philippines and at MacDill Air Force Base. He trained with NASA in support of the Astronaut Recovery Program and was stationed on ships in the Atlantic and Pacific to recover returning astronauts. He also served on various bases, retiring as a colonel in 1972. In retirement, he taught and was a consultant at various hospitals as well as the assistant medical director with the National Health Information Center. Predeceased by wife Sybil (Burnham), he is survived by sons Eric and Richard, four grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and two great-grand-stepsons. Middlebury relatives include sisters Doris Bartlett '41 and Lenore Eakeley '43 (both deceased), niece Linda (Eakeley) '69, and great-niece Jennifer Davies '97.

49 **Dale Moreau Killinger**, 92, of Flat Rock, N.C., on February 2, 2020. She was active in her church and was a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, where she enjoyed her involvement in group sewing projects to honor veterans in need. Predeceased by husband Jack, she is survived by sons David, Stephen, and Daniel, and three grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Daniel, Class of 1920, and sisters Margaret Willett '54 and Janet Levesley '59. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Anne Thomas '51, niece Catherine Thomas Langley '75, nephews John '77 and Howard Thomas '83, and great-niece Sarah Thomas '14.

51 **Lois White Skillings**, 90, of Middlebury, Vt., on February 6, 2020. She was a longtime employee of the state of Vermont, serving as Addison County court clerk for almost 20 years. She was an advocate for county residents and the judicial system and was key in shaping a system of equitable pay for employees across the state. Predeceased by husband Everett and partner Bob Brooks, she is survived by children Matthew, David, Laurie, Jamie, and Martha, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

52 **Edward D. Kaplan**, 90, of San Antonio, Texas, on January 19, 2020. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he served in the Army during the Korean War in the ordinance corps in Japan. After graduating from Brooklyn School of Law, he went to work for Kemper Industries. He then formed his own law firm in Newburgh, N.Y., and was a senior partner until he retired in 1988. Moving to Texas, he continued practicing law until 2000. He is survived by wife Ursula (Appel), children Karyn and Gayle, and five grandchildren.

Ann Prescott McKendry, 89, of Rockport, Maine, on February 12, 2020. She worked for the American Field Service in NYC, placing foreign exchange students with host families. Moving to Maine, she started a small graphic design business, Nature's Offerings, and sold her work at shops and craft fairs throughout the state. She was also a docent at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockport. Predeceased by first husband Richardson Thurston and second husband George McKendry, she is survived by children Peter, James, and Hope, stepchildren Anne, Elizabeth, Douglas, and Heather, and five grandchildren, including Anna Thurston '13.

53 **Robert L. Muller**, 88, of Alexandria Township, N.J., on February 19, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he served in the Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He began his journalism career with local newspapers, then worked for the AP-Dow Jones *Economic Report* and for many years for the *Wall Street Journal* in both New York City and London, England. He was predeceased by wife Jeanne (Behonek).

Wendell F. Smith Jr., 88, of Pittsford, N.Y., on January 26, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he earned his master's in chemistry at Middlebury in 1955 and his PhD in chemistry at Harvard Univ. in 1960. He joined Eastman Kodak as a research chemist, studying the photochemistry of image dyes for color paper. Subsequently he became a senior research associate, contributing to multiple patented inventions. His focus moved from applied research to statistical design and he authored *Experimental Design for Formulation.* He also taught classes in statistical design while beta-testing early design software for Stat-Ease. He is survived by wife Mimi (Dickey) '57, children David, Sharon, Douglas, and Debbie, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, as well as sister Shirley Morefield '56. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Marjorie Cross Smith '28, and uncle and aunt Percy '25 and Pauline Cross Whitney '27.

54 **Suzanne Olsen Brown**, 87, of Lyme, Conn., in August 2019. After receiving her BA from Northwestern Univ., she was an active volunteer in the Chicago area, involved with Benton House, a community settlement house; Meals on Wheels; Garden Club of America; the Women's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society; and the Winnetka Play Readers. She and husband Templeton had three daughters, Lisa, Suzanne, and Maren.

Elinor Osborn Gartner, 86, of Sewickley, Pa., on January 7, 2020. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she earned a degree in occupational therapy at Tufts Univ. in 1956. She worked at Buffalo (N.Y.) General Hospital and helped form the Occupational Therapy Dept. She was an active volunteer wherever she lived, serving in

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Jennie-Belle Perry Barr '38 . . . July 22, 2020
Edith Grimm Miller '41 . . . April 28, 2020
Edith Lee Beckwith '44 . . . April 1, 2020
Robert C. Clement '45 . . . July 22, 2020
Carolyn Leach Gorman '47 . . . May 24, 2020
June Brookman Kinney '47 . . . May 23, 2020
Douglas H. Armstrong '49 . . . June 2, 2020
Ferdinand C. Vetare '49 . . . July 5, 2020
John V. Corbisiero '50 . . . July 13, 2020
Margaret Donnelly Ellis '50 . . . July 23, 2020
H. Allen Mapes '50 . . . April 4, 2020
William Slade III '50 . . . April 2, 2020
David J. Maysilles '51 . . . July 30, 2020
Mary Sellman McIntosh '51 . . . July 1, 2020
Frank J. Kenney '52 . . . July 13, 2020
John R. Mann Jr. '52 . . . May 21, 2020
Robert W. Woodbury '52 . . . June 12, 2020
Margaret Benedict Moss '53 . . . May 20, 2020
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Ann Whiteley Tracy '53 . . . April 9, 2020
William T. Walter '53 . . . April 22, 2020
Marguerite Brown Campbell '54 . . . April 24, 2020
Ronald F. Kingsley '54 . . . July 11, 2020
Jane Cole Miller '54 . . . April 18, 2020
Nancy Walker Faulkner '55 . . . June 27, 2020
Barbara Stahl Humphreys '55 . . . April 19, 2020
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Donald F. Buck '56 . . . May 23, 2020
Sally Evens Herrmann '56 . . . July 24, 2020
Harold S. Olson '56 . . . April 4, 2020
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W. David Pricer '57 . . . April 15, 2020
Frederic M. Cowles III '58 . . . May 7, 2020
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Carolyn Hanson Faulhaber '58 . . . June 29, 2020
Jocelyn C. Glidden '58 . . . July 29, 2020
Ellen Rockwood Hunt '58 . . . May 17, 2020
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John C. Lewis Jr. '58 . . . April 10, 2020
Jon H. Rieger '58 . . . July 16, 2020
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Frank V. Tracy '58 . . . May 19, 2020
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Anne MacDowell Jaster '59 . . . April 16, 2020
Ernest T. Smith III '59 . . . May 27, 2020
Peter C. Shumway '62 . . . June 20, 2020
Sally R. Wallace '62 . . . May 24, 2020
Arch K. Wood II '62 . . . May 11, 2020
Lynne Purple Baker '63 . . . April 14, 2020
Carol Dillingham Rivet '63 . . . June 27, 2020
Stephen G. Wilkerson '63 . . . April 24, 2020
Howard L. Canaan '64 . . . April 1, 2020
Constance Miner Hawley '64 . . . May 26, 2020
Raynelle Stuart Kuckel '64 . . . May 21, 2020
Ruth Friedlander Huart '65 . . . May 15, 2020
J. Lewis Stackpole II '65 . . . April 19, 2020
George F. Theriault Jr. '65 . . . April 27, 2020
William A. McCollom '68 . . . June 29, 2020
John R. Eckart Jr. '71 . . . January 26, 2020
Carolyn Kroll Reidy '71 . . . May 12, 2020
Robert U. Johnsen Jr. '72 . . . May 16, 2020
David N. Norton '72 . . . May 24, 2020
Jack M. Kendree Jr. '77 . . . June 28, 2020
Nancy Ryan Lowitt '77 . . . May 18, 2020
Dean A. Davis '79 . . . July 17, 2020
Patrick J. Durkin '79 . . . July 26, 2020
Barbara E. Banks '80 . . . May 8, 2020
Norma J. Mabry '80 . . . July 5, 2018
John D. McGee '82 . . . May 10, 2020
Donald D. MacKenzie '85 . . . July 5, 2020
David L Morton Jr. '85 . . . May 24, 2020
Michael Chalfin '88 . . . July 2, 2020
Neal A. Berwick '03 . . . May 8, 2020
Sara Kinsey Wells '04 . . . June 27, 2020

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Michael F. Drummey, MA English '67 . . . April 12, 2020
Lyle B. Torrey Jr., MA English '69 . . . July 21, 2020
Margery Arzonico Clement, MLitt English '75 . . . April 2, 2020
Richard H. Tyler, MA French '62 . . . April 17, 2020
Juanita Faulkner Max, MA French '64 . . . April 18, 2020
Theresa Ste-Marie, MA French '64 . . . May 6, 2020
Bruce R. Baker, MA French '76 . . . May 7, 2020
Marjorie Perkal Khettab, MA French '77 . . . April 22, 2020
Jack E. Estes, MA French '81 . . . June 11, 2020
Davis M. Richardson, MA French '82 . . . July 8, 2020
Ralph B. Jaeger, MA German '66 . . . April 10, 2020
Dolores Heck Jones, MA German '70 . . . May 19, 2020
Rose M. Servodidio, MA Italian '77 . . . April 18, 2020
James E. McKinney, MA Spanish '53 . . . April 4, 2020
Royce W. Miller, MA Spanish '53 . . . May 23, 2020
Jeanne Hodgin Meador, MA Spanish '55 . . . June 24, 2020
Nina Moss, MA Spanish '58 . . . April 13, 2020
James W. Hammond, MA Spanish '65 . . . July 3, 2020
Robert J. Wee, MA Spanish '68 . . . June 3, 2020
Sally Dungan, MIIS, MA Inter-Cultural Communications '80 . . . April 12, 2020
Gilbert D. Loescher, MIIS, MA Political Science '69 . . . April 28, 2020

many organizations, including the AAUW, YMCA, Girl Scouts, and League of Women Voters, as well as enjoying a myriad of other volunteer activities. Predeceased by husband Rodney, she is survived by children Margie, Ellie, Bruce, and Ginny, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

55 **Ann Towle Dolbashian**, 86, formerly of Portsmouth, R.I., on January 3, 2020. She taught junior high school math for three years after college and again when her children began school. She served as president of the town library board and coordinated the renovations and additions to the library building. In 1979 she joined the Raytheon Company as a software librarian and retired in 1993. She then enrolled at Rhode Island College and earned a BA in music. She served as an organist and music director at several churches and in 2003 was installed as a Commissioned Minister of Music for the UCC Conference of Rhode Island. Predeceased by husband Edward, she is survived by children Felice, Kenneth, and David, and three grandchildren.

John L. MacGowan, 87, of Coopersburg, Pa., on February 7, 2020. He served in the Army for two years before earning his law degree at the Univ. of Virginia School of Law. He was a partner in the Allentown, Pa., law firm of Perkins, Twining, Dower, and Christie for many years. In 1982 he and his wife bought a horse farm, Spring Fields, where they boarded horses. He is survived by wife Sally (Beyer) '56, children John '82, David '86, and Alexandra '90, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brother Robert '58.

Frank E. Punderson Jr., 86, of Middlebury, Vt., on January 3, 2020. At Middlebury, he was instrumental in establishing the men's soccer team. After graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and flew the F9F-2 fighter jet in the Third Marine Airwing. He returned to Middlebury to coach the fledgling soccer team then worked for Exxon Oil and McGraw-Hill Publishers. Moving back to Vermont, he and his wife bought the Pittsford Inn and ran it from 1968 to 1971, while he established his real estate firm, Frank Punderson Agency, which became a thriving business in Rutland, Vt. He is survived by wife Linda (Ide), children Martha '85, Ebenezer, Ingrid '88, and Samuel, and eight grandchildren, including Dorothy Punderson '19 and Sam Graf '19.

Andrew Sigourney, 87, of Nahant, Mass., on January 10, 2020. After graduating from the Army's European Signal School in Germany, he served in the Army two years as a lieutenant. He attended the American Institute of Banking and worked for State Street Bank and Trust Co. in Boston. He also worked for TV Facts and was a driver for Boston Coach. Predeceased by daughter Flora, he is survived by wife Flora (Fisher) '57, children Donald and Katherine, five grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

56 **Cyrus P. Anfindsen**, 85, of New Canaan, Conn., on February 28, 2020. A member of Delta Upsilon and captain of both the basketball and

baseball teams, he was awarded a Dutton Fellowship for postgraduate study and graduated from the London School of Economics in 1958. He then served as a captain in the Army before beginning his career as a portfolio manager at the U.S. Trust Company of New York. He spent the majority of his career as a partner and managing director of institutional sales at C. J. Lawrence in NYC. He was a loyal and committed alumnus who served the College in many capacities. He is survived by wife Maury (Ballantyne), children Peter, Bruce '89, and Heather, and six grandchildren.

Hugh van Zelm Jr., 86, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., on March 1, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he served in the Army for two years at Fort Eustis. He then worked for Trans World Airlines in New York City, before joining Sprague Electric Co. in 1962, where he worked in industrial relations for 31 years. He is survived by wife Sheila (Porterfield), daughters Cynthia and Antoinette '88, and two grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brother-in-law Alden Lank '55 and niece Heather Lank '84.

57 **Virginia Baker Hansen**, 84, of Lakewood, Ohio, on January 9, 2020. With a year of training in medical technology at Western Reserve University hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, she worked at hospitals in Madison, Wis., Cleveland, and Honolulu. For 30 years, she volunteered for and helped manage Bay Food Ministry. Throughout her life, she enjoyed singing in various choral groups. Predeceased by husband John and grandson Calvin, she is survived by sons Denison, Henrik, and David, and four grandchildren.

Ha**rry M. Oram**, 87, of West Chester, Pa., on January 25, 2020. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he left Middlebury after freshman year to work on the St. Lawrence Seaway as a cement foreman to earn money to continue his education. After graduating, he was hired by N. W. Ayer in Philadelphia as a copy writer. He later worked at several agencies in Philadelphia and Massachusetts in positions ranging from account executive to vice president. Later in his career he was in sales and marketing. He is survived by wife Gwen, children Stephanie, Richard, and Elizabeth, and six grandchildren.

58 **D. David Douglass**, 84, of South Conway, N.H., on March 12, 2020. An Alpha Sigma Psi and member of the ski team at Middlebury, he became involved with Wildcat Mountain Ski Area, where he became friends with Thaddeus Thorne and eventually took over his business, Thaddeus Thorne Surveys. He had a long career in land surveying. He is survived by wife Barbara (Freeman), children Julia, James, and David, and two grandchildren.

Charles B. Gilbert Jr., 83, of Pennington, N.J., on January 7, 2020. A member of Chi Psi, he served in the Marine Corps, earning the rank of captain. He worked for and eventually ran a successful car dealership in Trenton, N.J., for many years. After retiring, he raised thoroughbred horses and raced them for over 30 years. He was also a professional photographer for several publications. Predeceased by first wife Sandy and second wife Jane, he is survived by children Scott, Dana, and Johanne, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Sally J. MacCracken, 83, of Rexford, N.Y., on January 17, 2020. She was in Sigma Kappa at Middlebury. Earning a master's in mathematics from Union College, she began working as an engineering assistant at Knolls Atomic Power Lab of General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y. She later worked as a stress analyst and as the manager of the structures and materials lab.

59 **Alexander M. Jeffrey**, 85, of Pasadena, Calif., on February 17, 2020. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he served in the Army and the Vermont National Guard. After working in exploration in the oil fields in the West, he began his staff career in the petroleum industry at Sinclair Oil, later acquired by Arco and BP, and retired as a senior analyst in 1985. He then graduated from the UCLA paralegal program and enjoyed a second career. He is survived by wife Noel, sons Alexander and Douglas, and two grandchildren.

60 **John B. MacDonald**, 81, of Kettering, Ohio, on January 16, 2020. A Phi Kappa Tau, he earned his BS from Syracuse Univ. He served as a language specialist in the Army, then worked in sales at Stackpole Carbon Co. In 1978, he and a partner cofounded Johnson MacDonald/John B. MacDonald and Sons. He is survived by wife Patty, children John, Seth, and Drew, and six grandchildren.

63 **Douglas W. Brandrup**, 79, of Lynnfield, Mass., on January 31, 2020. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he earned his JD from Boston Univ. School of Law then served two years as a captain in the Army in Munich, Germany. In 1968, he joined the NYC law firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton, and Irvine, then in 1972, joined Griggs, Baldwin, and Baldwin as a partner and became a senior partner in 1980. He was a longtime member of the Metropolitan Club in NYC. He is survived by wife Patricia, children Kendra, Monica, Peter, Barclay, and Phil, and two grandchildren.

66 **Kenneth A. Kirchhofer**, 75, of Baltimore, Md., on January 5, 2020. A member of Phi Kappa Tau, he earned a master's in international relations from the Univ. of Delaware in 1974. He was an educator for 38 years, teaching history as well as French and German at various schools, including Moorestown (N.J.) Friends and Moravian Academy in Bethlehem, Pa. He also drove for the Garrison Forest School Health Center. He retired in 2013. He is survived by wife Elena Michelson and one stepdaughter.

67 **Reto W. Morosani**, 73, of Litchfield, Conn., on January 5, 2020. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he continued studies toward his master's at NYU's Courant Institute while working for American Cyanamid as a scientific programmer. He retired to Colorado for seven years, enjoying skiing, before returning to Litchfield and programming for many insurance companies in the Greater Hartford area, including Aetna, Cigna, and United HealthCare until he retired again. Predeceased by son Remy, he is survived by wife Marana Brooks and sons Reto Nicholas and Alessandro. Middlebury relatives include brother John '74, nephew Daniel Morosani '05, and niece Allegra Morosani '07.

69 **Douglas K. Ashby**, 72, of Yuba City, Calif., on March 9, 2020. A member of Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he served as a captain in the Army. After earning his law degree from Stanford Law School, he was a well-respected member of the legal community for 39 years. Religion was an important part of his life as was enjoying the outdoors. He is survived by wife Joan, sons Daniel, David, Peter, and Paul, and 11 grandchildren.

70 **Alison Taurel**, 67, of Oakland, Calif., on October 18, 2015. She was raised in Trinidad and had family and friends around the world. She was an activist for women's rights and civil rights. She is survived by daughter Zephyr.

80 **John F. Dale**, 61, of Middlebury, Vt., on January 8, 2020. With a Master of Architecture from the Univ. of Virginia, he worked as an architect in Washington, D.C., for Hartman Cox Architects, managing residential and commercial design, then worked 16 years as the senior director at Allan Greenberg Architect, managing high-end residential designs. In 2011 he joined the design-build firm of Breadloaf Corp. in Middlebury. He served as board president for the American Institute of Architects Vermont chapter. He is survived by wife Amy (Rakowski), son David, and stepdaughter Mary Frances Conley. Deceased Middlebury relatives include grandparents Russell, Class of 1911, and Jennie McLellan Dale, Class of 1911, aunts Jane Dale '39, Margaret Dounce Dale '43, and Marcey Lynn Krum '46, uncle Russell Dale '43, and parents David '50 and Mary Krum Dale '51. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Amy Dale '78.

82 **Carrie Markgraf Blum**, 59, of Northborough, Mass., on January 2, 2020. After completing her PhD in psychology at the Univ. of Vermont, she

taught and did research at various universities before joining Schering-Plough in 2001 as a senior principal scientist. While working there, she founded the New Jersey Brain Bee Assoc. and was named an Ambassador for Scientific Research. She later worked for the Merck Corp. and was a research scientist for the Sunovion Pharmaceutical Co. in Marlborough, Mass. She had the honor of being appointed the president of the Safety Pharmacology Society. Predeceased by son Justin, she is survived by husband Philip.

84 **Lori Hess Evangel**, 57, of Richmond, Va., on January 20, 2020. With an MBA in finance from SUNY-Albany, she had a long career as a leading chief risk officer in the insurance industry. She worked at Moody's Investors Service in NYC, MBIA, MetLife, AFLAC Global Investments, and most recently at Genworth Financial. She was also an adjunct professor at Columbia Univ. for the enterprise risk management program. She served as an executive board member of the Richmond SPCA and for 20 years cooked monthly for the St. Peter's Soup Kitchen in Morristown, N.J. She is survived by husband Chris.

90 **Amanuel Abate**, 51, of Signy, Switzerland, on March 20, 2020. At Middlebury, he played rugby. After graduation, he returned to Switzerland and completed his mandatory Army service and worked in sports marketing. He had plans to then study law at the Univ. of Sydney, Australia. He is survived by wife Kristina and children Louella and Liya.

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Claudette Latreille, 61, of Cornwall, Vt., on June 7, 2020. Over the years, as well as working on her dairy farm, she was a chef at the Waybury Inn, Basin Harbor Club, and the Hillsboro Club in Florida. She joined the College's dining services staff in 1998 and worked as a checker in Proctor Dining Hall and as server supervisor and cook. She enjoyed decorating the dining hall for special occasions like Mardi Gras and the holidays. She is survived by husband Charles Foote and daughter Jessica.

Shaun M. Litchfield, 59, of Rutland, Vt., on July 31, 2020. He began working part time at the College as a chef in food services in 1977 and retired in 2017 after a 40-year career at Middlebury. During that time he served in management positions and enjoyed catering special events at the College and Bread Loaf campuses. He is survived by daughter Jessica and four grandchildren.

Martin V. Thompson, 79, of Bristol, Vt., on June 19, 2020. He worked in production control at Simmonds Precision before he joined Polymers in East Middlebury in 1963, becoming the personnel manager in 1969. He also served as quality control and safety director until he left in 1995. He joined the College staff in 1996 as assistant director of human resources and retired in 2002. Predeceased by wife Marielana (Tierney), he is survived by partner Marsha Trombley Kuhn, children Stephanie, Brett, Kyle, and Chris, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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51 **Joyce Carleton**, 92, MA French, of West Hartford, Conn., on January 19, 2020. She began her career in education at Vermont Junior College and taught at various other schools before joining the faculty at Central Connecticut State Univ., where she taught in the Dept. of Modern Languages for 26 years.

61 **George L. French**, 81, MA Spanish, of Bennington, Vt., on January 26, 2020. He enjoyed a long career as a high school Spanish teacher, primarily in Chatham, N.J. He retired in 2000.

62 **James A. Cummins**, 85, MA Spanish, of Colorado Springs, Colo., on January 29, 2020. He taught high school Spanish then took a position teaching Spanish at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., where he taught for 39 years.

65 **Duane A. Paluska**, 83, MA English, of Woolwich, Maine, on January 28, 2020. He taught English at Governor Dummer Academy, Wheelock College, and Bowdoin College. He then began a career as a cabinetmaker, making custom furniture. He also was a painter and sculptor.

68 **Claire Y. Poirier**, 84, MA French, of North Attleboro, Mass., on February 21, 2020. She taught in Barrington, R.I., and at the Henry Barnard Laboratory School. She also worked 25 years for the Massachusetts Division of Employment.

70 **Christopher P. Buckley**, 71, MA Spanish, of Millersburg, Ohio, on February 10, 2019. A veteran of the Army, he was a businessman in the metal industry. He also worked as a translator in the Phoenix, Ariz., area.

72 **Nancy Ricketts Barnett**, 86, MA French, of Martinsville, Va., on February 27, 2020. She served as the head of the French Dept. for over 30 years at Waterford District High School, Ontario, Canada. In Martinsville, she instructed students in getting their GED.

75 **Garfield P. Mullins**, 76, MA English, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on January 15, 2020. He taught and worked in education within the Montreal Catholic School Board and at the Ministry of Education and was the principal of Howard S. Billings High School in Châteauguay.

77 **Elena Grinstein Guigui**, 90, MA Spanish, of Studio City, Calif., on January 6, 2020. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she emigrated to the U.S. with her husband in 1956 with a sponsorship by American composer, Aaron Copland. She began the first Spanish language program at Middlebury (Vt.) Union High School, where she taught for several years before teaching in the Foreign Language Dept. at Essex Junction (Vt.) High School, retiring in 2002.

79 **Edward M. Grotkowski**, 65, MA French, of Gulfport, Miss., on January 18, 2020. With degrees in music as well as French, he taught in public and private schools for over three decades. His bands, choirs, and orchestras performed in venues ranging from Universal Studios in California and Florida to televised Christmas specials to band competitions. He also held conducting positions with the Erie Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Greater Miami Youth Symphony.

82 **Cynthia Mares de Sanchez**, 78, MA Spanish, of Denver, Colo., on February 8, 2020. She had a love of teaching, music, and the arts. She was a trained voice major and sang with the Madrid Opera in Spain and for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican with her music group, Canta Colorado.

85 Sr. **Francis Assisi Kennedy**, 82, MLitt English, of Oldenburg, Ind., on February 4, 2020. She taught elementary-age through college-age students in schools throughout Indiana and Ohio, teaching predominantly English, journalism, Latin, and religion, earning the Indiana Archdiocese's Excellence in Education award.

98 **John J. Cleary**, 83, DML Russian, of San Diego, Calif., on January 31, 2020. A longtime defense lawyer, he helped establish the Federal Defender's Office in San Diego, a firm that represents poor people, charged with crimes, in U.S. District Court. He had a private practice from 1984 to 2004 and on a Fulbright, worked as a professor at Moscow State Univ. and the Russian Academy of Justice from 2004 to 2005.

Ellen L. Pearson, 59, MLitt English, of Rexburg, Idaho, on January 11, 2020. She taught art and English at junior high schools in Utah and Idaho and later taught English literature and creative writing at Ricks College/BYU Idaho.